



'New' Chickasaw Times redesigned for easier reading

Beginning with this edition, the *Chickasaw Times* has a new design.

"The newspaper has lots of information, but it was packaged in a way we believed was not very 'reader friendly,' *Times* editor Tom Bolitho said.

"Hopefully, the new design will be appealing and useful for our readers."

Readers will probably first notice the redesigned *Chickasaw Times* banner. The banner type was transformed to Basilia Compressed, and the adornments of the previous banner were removed. The Great Seal of the Chickasaw Nation is the banner's central theme.

Type styles were changed throughout the newspaper.

Previously, the *Times* had utilized principally Times, Times New Roman and Helvetica type faces. These type faces had served well for many years, but new type faces have been developed that have proved easier to read.

The body type of the *Times* is now Lucida Bright. The type may appear larger to readers, but it is actually smaller than the previous type.

Headline types have also been changed. Most *Times* headlines are now in Basilia or Berkeley Oldstyle type, with an occasional header in Myriad type. Cutlines that appear under photos are also in Myriad.

The Lucida, Basilia and Berkeley type families are all

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The movie poster promoting the Chickasaw Nation-produced "Pearl."

'Pearl' wows audience at AFI Film Festival

Audience response to "Pearl" screenings at the American Film Institute (AFI) Dallas International Film Festival was "extremely positive," said producer Dave Rennke.

Produced by the Chickasaw Nation, "Pearl" tells the story of the tumultuous teen years of the late Pearl Carter Scott. Mrs. Scott was a Chickasaw girl from Oklahoma well known as the youngest licensed pilot in America.

Whether by coincidence or divine intervention, the first public showing of "Pearl" took place four years to the day after Mrs. Scott's death on March 28, 2005.

"This was a very special day," said Governor Bill Anoatubby. "We decided to make this film because it is important for people to truly understand

Pearl's story. Her legacy goes much deeper than being the youngest pilot in the U.S.

"Pearl exemplifies many of the finest qualities of Chickasaw people. She was a dynamic, determined and caring individual who fulfilled her greatest dreams. This film will enable people to relive some of the significant moments in her life - moments that define what made her truly great."

Many of those moments were brought to the screen with power and emotion. Audience members were moved to tears.

"The movie really touches all your emotions," attendee Russell Gardner said. "I even cried in it - and I'm a guy. I only cry when I cut onions."

Members of the cast and crew appeared for a red carpet event Saturday evening after

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Chickasaw Language text released March 30

Let's Speak Chickasaw Chikashshanompa' Kilanom-poli' a textbook and grammar guide of the Chickasaw Language was recently released by the University of Oklahoma Press.

The book was authored by Catherine Willmond and Pamela Munro, co-authors of

Chickasaw: An Analytical Dictionary.

Twenty units each contain four to eight lessons dealing with sentence structure, usage and additional information.

A CD providing examples of spoken Chickasaw is included.

The book can be purchased

at Amazon.com.

More information about the book and related events will be available soon on the Chickasaw Nation website and in the Chickasaw Times.

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Jeannie Barbour's "Of the Bird Clan" is featured on the cover of "Let's Speak Chickasaw"

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the screening.

Sean Cain, who portrays Pearl's husband "Scotty," said he was proud to work on the film.

"David (Rennke), the Chickasaw Nation and King (Hollis) have really made a beautiful work which I think will stand the test of time and make Pearl's family proud," Mr. Cain said.

Robyn Elliott, administrator of the Chickasaw Nation Division of Communications and a Chickasaw citizen, served as co-executive producer of the film.

"The success of this film really is a credit to the spirit of community within the Chickasaw Nation," said Ms. Elliott. "Chickasaw people and employees who became involved as actors, crew members and in various supporting roles were major contributors to the success of the film."

"While everyone who contributed to the success of this film will not appear on the film credits, it is important to recognize that this has been a tremendous team effort. Every department in the Division of Communications and dozens of others from across the tribe have made contributions vital to the ultimate success of this project."

Andrew Sensenig, who portrays Pearl's blind businessman father, George Carter, said the film motivated him to show even more love and encouragement to his own daughters.

"(Pearl) did what she wanted to do and she had a father who helped her in everything she wanted," he said.

Director King Hollis said he hoped the film would showcase the rich history of the Chickasaw Nation.

"There are a lot of really amazing stories in the history of the Chickasaw Na-

tion," he said. "There are a lot of stories of people, places and things that need to be told. This is one of the stories of one of their own. And we hope that we did it justice. And we hope we made the tribe proud."

David Rennke, a Chickasaw citizen, served as producer of the film.

"Hopefully people will get an inkling of the spirit that pervades the Chickasaw Nation," said Rennke. "The motto of the tribe is 'unconquered and unconquerable' and 'Pearl' really personifies that. If nothing else, I would like them to take away the fact that Chickasaws are resilient and determined. And that they are good people who look out for each other and their families and if they have a dream, they go after it."

Elijah DeJesus portrays young Pearl in the film.

"It's been a real honor for me to play somebody who had such a remarkable life and did so many wonderful things at a young age," she said. "It was really exciting for me."

Tom Huston, who portrays famed Oklahoma aviator Wiley Post, said the film was important because it was a departure from conventional Hollywood portrayals of Native Americans.

"Hollywood hasn't always painted the most responsible picture of Native

identifying banners.

You should also notice the newspaper is a bit "lighter." Introducing a little space relieves the "gray" feel of the newspaper and, hopefully, invites the reader to read more.

We appreciate your continued readership of *the Chickasaw Times* and we welcome your comments on the redesigned newspaper.



"Pearl" cast and crew celebrated in the filmmaker's lounge after the screening.

Front row from left are Cameron Rostami, "young Georgie;" Elijah DeJesus, "Pearl;" Angela Gair, "Lucy;" Isabel Archuleta, "Opaletta" and Paden Brown, "Arnetta." Middle row from left are Robyn Elliott, co-executive producer; Tony Gegory, "Arthur;" Tom Huston, "Wiley Post;" Governor Anoatubby, executive producer; Sean Cain, "Scotty" and Andrew Sensenig, "George Carter." Back row from left are director King Hollis and producer David Rennke.

Marcy Gray

American culture," said Huston. "We don't always see that Native Americans are educated, that they are artistic, intellectual, hard working. That's unfortunate, but that's the way it is. I think the most important thing about the film is the portrayal of the Chickasaw people."

Angela Gair, who portrays Pearl's mother Lucy, said "it was magical" to watch the film and see the audience response.

"I just know that Pearl is up there smiling a big smile," she said. "I hope she's honored. I hope the family is honored. I hope the Chickasaw Nation is pleased as punch with it, because I know it touched every fount of my soul to be on this project."

Paden Brown, a Chickasaw citizen, portrays Pearl's younger sister Arnetta.

"Knowing that Pearl was Chickasaw

was important to me, because I'm a Chickasaw," said Paden. "Knowing that I'm going to be representing Chickasaws in this film has been a great experience."

Isabel Archuleta portrays Pearl's older sister, Opaletta.

"We all came into it knowing the importance (of the story) - that it wasn't just a story that someone made up one day because they wanted to write a script," said Ms. Archuleta. "It was a story that happened to someone. It's a story that's real and alive in the history of this nation and this people."

"I think we all wanted to be Chickasaw at the end of this movie."

AFI Dallas International Film Festival is in its third year. This year more than 170 films from across the U.S. and 20 countries were featured at the event.

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known as "serif" type. A serif is a short line stemming from the top or bottom of a letter. Body copy is virtually always serif type.

The Myriad type face is a "sans serif" type, which simply means "without serif." The contrasting type is helpful to the reader in distinguishing elements.

Throughout the newspaper you will notice new column headers and

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Our hopes and dreams are fast becoming reality

Spring is a time of growth, vibrant colors and vitality. The land around us awakens and everywhere plants and trees are in bloom. A sense of excitement and renewal comes into people's lives as winter makes its exit and warm breezes invite us to enjoy nature.

Spring is an exciting time of year as we open our minds to the many possibilities before us, and to the blessings we have received.

The Chickasaw Nation reflects this vibrancy and awakening as we together turn our hopes and dreams into reality.

For generations, the Chickasaw people survived at a subsistence level. With removal to this new land, the people were faced with starting new lives with very little. They were, of course, resilient and incredibly persistent. Looking back on that era, it is amazing the conditions they endured. Yet, they survived and eventually prospered.

In this modern era of the Chickasaw Nation, we are "booming." Never before in history has our tribe experienced the growth, and the benefits it brings, that we are experiencing today.

We have achieved commercial success, and we have committed those resources for Chickasaw people and programs that will produce benefits far into the future.

We are proud of the Chickasaw Nation health care facility currently under construction in Ada. With



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this unique and modern center will arrive the finest health care services in the country. New specialties, equipment, processes and professionals will produce huge, life-giving benefits.

Our new Chickasaw Cultural Center under construction in Sulphur will be a premier historic destination for travelers from around the world. We celebrate our culture and history with this unique facility, and we share our traditions with those who seek to know more about us.

We continue to build tribal commercial facilities, and upgrade our existing businesses. We are mindful of the ever-changing needs and desires of our customers, and we invest in those items that make our facilities favorite destinations.

Brick-and-mortar projects are important, and they are material signs of our tribal growth. But it is the Chickasaw people who are the source of our most significant tribal growth.

With the essential building blocks of quality education, housing, nutrition and health care, Chickasaws have made tremendous strides in just one generation.

We are regularly producing growing numbers of Chickasaw professionals with bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees, law degrees and medical degrees. Additionally, the number of highly-trained Chickasaw tradesmen and skilled workers has greatly expanded.

Housing conditions for Chickasaw families has been improved many-fold over a generation. Nutrition services help our children grow up strong and healthy, and our unique and growing Chickasaw Nation Health System helps keep our people on the path of good health.

When it comes to the "bottom line," our greatest investment – and the investment that produces by far the greatest return – is in the Chickasaw people.

Spring is here and we are thankful for the change of seasons and this annual time of growth and refreshment. Let's also be thankful for our tribe, our families and our friends.

Together, we have accomplished much. Together, the possibilities are endless!



Macye Davis and her mom Michelle construct a beaded talon necklace at the Chipota Chikashshanompoli Beading Fun Day, March 21 in Ada.

Stick Ball Fun Day April 18 at Kullihoma

"Stick Ball Fun Day" is the theme for the April 2009 meeting of The Chickasaw Nation Chipota Chikashshanompoli (Children Speaking Chickasaw) language club.

The meeting is 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Saturday, April 18 at Kullihoma, seven miles east of Ada on State Highway 1. Participants will learn about Chickasaw words related to

sports and stick ball.

Chipota Chikashshanompoli meetings focus on the importance of using the Chickasaw language in daily life.

One Saturday each month the club meets to learn Chickasaw language and embark on a fun adventure that will incorporate newly introduced Chickasaw words.

Club meetings are open to

all children ages three to 12 who are interested in learning the Chickasaw language.

To join the language club or to inquire about upcoming meetings, contact Teresa McDonald at (580) 272-5310, teresa.mcdonald@chickasaw.net or visit www.chickasaw.net/ccs.

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Elders Day set for May 8 at Kullihoma

The Cultural Resources Department of the tribal Division of History and Culture will sponsor Elders Day Friday, May 8 at Kullihoma. Opening ceremonies begin at 10 a.m.

Kullihoma is located seven miles east of Ada on State Highway 1.

Elders Day, a semiannual event, honors our elders and provides opportunities for them to share their knowledge of Chickasaw culture and traditions.

"This is a time for the elders to get together and talk about the past," said Eddie Postoak, director of the Cultural Resources Department.

Lunch, traditional hymn singing and an interactive performance by the Chickasaw Dance Troupe are on the agenda this year.

For more information, contact the Cultural Resources Department at (580) 332-8685.

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Lighthorse officers cited for Standing Rock, Pine Ridge service

The Chickasaw Nation Lighthorse Police Department and several of its officers were recently honored for their cooperative peacekeeping efforts during a mission to the Standing Rock Sioux and Pine Ridge Reservations.

Nine Lighthorse officers received a Special Agent in Charge (SAC) award from the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) district one office for participating in Operation Dakota Peacekeeping and Pine Ridge Peacekeeper.

Officers Dusk Monetathchi, Clint Sutton, Justin Smith, Randi Conn, Brad Holloway, Allison Orr, George Jesse, Vincent Walters and Steve Cash were recognized.

The Lighthorse officers responded to a request for assistance in 2008. Nine officers made the trip to help, each spending an average of 30 days working on the reservations.

Pine Ridge is the eighth largest reservation in the country and one of the poorest. The crime rate is high, which made the officers' job a challenge.

Standing Rock, located in North and South Dakota, is the sixth-largest reservation.

Three officials from the BIA office of Law Enforcement Services traveled to Ada to present the award. BIA Special Agent in Charge Elmer J. Four Dance, of

the Aberdeen, S.D. district; W. Patrick Ragsdale, BIA Law Enforcement Director; and Mike McCoy, BIA special agent for the Muskogee area, were on hand to thank the officers.

The SAC award is the highest honor a district office can give, Mr. Four Dance said.

The operation was initiated last year at Standing Rock and Pine Ridge Reservation in response to increasing crime which made the communities feel unsafe.

BIA officers suffered from a lack of manpower on the reservations and requested help from tribal agencies. At the time, there were relatively few law enforcement officers to cover the approximately five million acres of the combined reservations' area.

"We felt it was critical to do something and get an insurgence of law enforcement in there to get a handle on it," Mr. Four Dance said.

"It was a very busy time and we appreciate you coming up to assist. We have received nothing but compliments about Chickasaw Nation officers from the citizens."

The operation ran from August through December of 2008 and made a huge difference in both reservations. Community members, Mr. Four Dance said,



The Chickasaw Nation Lighthorse Police Department officers honored by the BIA for cooperative law enforcement include, from left, Brad Holloway, Vincent Walters, BIA Law Enforcement Director W. Patrick Ragsdale, Lighthorse officers Steve Cash, Justin Smith and Randi Conn, and Mike McCoy BIA special agent for the Muskogee, Okla., area, and BIA Special Agent in Charge Elmer J. Four Dance, from the Aberdeen, South Dakota district. Lighthorse officers George Jesse, Dusk Monetathchi, Alyson Orr, Phillip Wood, Kevin Lockwood and Clint Sutton are not pictured.

now say they feel safe and crime is down at both reservations.

"We could not have accomplished this without our partners. The law enforcement and the community embraced the officer who was there."

The officers received a SAC award which honored the officer who has through dedicated service, personified the utmost standards of professionalism, character, and integrity, in service to the citizens of Indian Country within the District I

Office of Law Enforcement Services.

In Oklahoma, the Cherokee, Sac and Fox, Choctaw and Comanche tribal police also assisted with the operation.

This cooperative effort marks the first time a variety of tribal police have responded to a mission on a national bases.

The Lighthorse Police Department also received a Policing Partnership Award.

Chickasaw Nation Lighthorse police chief Jason O'Neal was

noted on the award as one "who has strived for positive cooperation, tireless support, and whose leadership is applauded for promoting a professional working relationship with the Office of Law Enforcement Services. Your contribution greatly improves out service to Indian Country."

For more information about Lighthorse Police, log on to www.chickasaw.net.

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K9 officer Gentry and companion 'Ace' prepared for duty when called

Lighthorse Police officer Casey Gentry got a taste of law enforcement while still in high school. Following a ride-along with a sheriff's deputy, he was hooked.

"From then on, I knew it was something I wanted to pursue," he said.

A couple of years after graduation from Ada High School, Gentry got his first job in law enforcement as a Pontotoc County jailer.

He worked in that position for about one year until he was promoted to a K9 deputy and met his partner, Ace, a black Labrador Retriever.

A few years later, he and Ace joined the Chickasaw Nation Lighthorse Police Department.

Working as a K9 officer requires extra work, Gentry said,

but it is very rewarding.

"It's nice to have a companion with you every day," he said. "No matter how hard your day has been, you see your dog and it puts a smile on your face."

Gentry and Ace work on various assignments in the Chickasaw Nation, including educational visits to schools and fighting the war on drugs and crime.

"A K9 officer is a patrol officer, we get called when we are needed," he said.

During a recent traffic stop, Ace "hit" on a



Chickasaw Nation Lighthorse Police K9 officer Casey Gentry and "Ace".

vehicle. Ace's action led to a break in a case involving 13 church burglaries. The vehicle contained items allegedly stolen from local churches.

Gentry enjoys making the Chickasaw Nation a safer and better place to live and work.

"When you can intervene and prevent things from taking place, it's rewarding," he said.

Besides Council on Law Enforcement and Education Training (CLEET), Gentry has attended an in-

tensive three-week K9 officers training with Ace.

In addition Ace, the Lighthorse Police have two other narcotics dogs and two explosives dogs.

"There are wonderful opportunities available here," Gentry said. "The leadership is good and we have the finest equipment and training. The officers also have ample time to continue their education and training and are encouraged to."

When he is not on duty, Gentry enjoys team roping, fishing and spending time with his friends and family.

For more information about the Lighthorse Police Department, log on to www.chickasaw.net.

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Chickasaw named dean of UNM School of Law

University of New Mexico Provost Suzanne Ortega announced recently that Kevin K. Washburn has been selected to lead the University of New Mexico School of Law as its newest dean and full professor of law.

Mr. Washburn, a Chickasaw citizen, will become the first American Indian to serve as dean of the UNM School of Law when he joins the school on June 30.

He began his legal education at the school during a summer pre-law program after graduating from the University of Oklahoma and prior to entering Yale Law School.

"What I found at the UNM School of Law was a bustling and engaged academic community composed of people from across the country working intently on American Indian law and other important subjects," Mr. Washburn said. "In those days, most other schools did not take Indian law very seriously, and New Mexico led the way.

"In teaching at Minnesota, Harvard, Nebraska and Arizona, I have never seen a faculty more interested in students than I saw so many years ago at New Mexico. That is how I knew that it was a special place."

He also served as adjunct law professor at UNM in 1998-99.

"Professor Washburn has deep roots in the New Mexico legal community and national experience in legal education. We are fortunate to have him return to the School of Law," said Ortega.

A graduate of Yale Law School, Mr. Washburn is currently the Rosenstiel Distinguished Professor of Law at the University of Arizona's James E. Rogers College of Law.

He said he was excited about serving as dean at UNM because it "is one of the best places in the country to study Indian law."

"The UNM School of Law has one of the most engaged teaching faculties in the country, and one of the lowest student-faculty ratios, equivalent to Stanford and Yale."

The law school is unique, he said, in requiring students to successfully complete a clinical law course before graduating.

"Each student must actually practice law in a supervised setting before he or she can receive a diploma," said Mr. Washburn. "In medical schools, students work with real patients under close supervision by expert doctors before graduating. UNM uses the same model for law students.

"This approach is expensive, because it requires a lot more law professors who give hands on training in one-on-one settings. But it produces better lawyers. It also inculcates in students a sense of professional responsibility and confidence in practice that they cannot obtain solely in the classroom."

Prior to entering academia, Mr. Washburn was a federal prosecutor in New Mexico, a trial attorney with the U.S. Justice Department and later served as general counsel of the National Indian Gaming Commission, an independent federal regulatory agency in Washington, D.C.

Mr. Washburn, who said he had always had an

interest in history and government, has established a career that has had an impact on both. A widely published scholar, he has also testified before Congress on issues related to Indian gaming and criminal justice in Indian Country.

He consulted with authors of the recently proposed Tribal Law and Order Act, which he calls an "an important incremental step toward improvement" in dealing with the difficulties involved in prosecuting crime on reservations and trust lands.

"It has been gratifying to see the U.S. Senate take up criminal justice reform after I have spent so many hours producing scholarship that rings those alarm bells about the problems," said Mr. Washburn. "Likewise, the National Indian Gaming Commission is also grappling with issues that I have placed on the agenda in academic forums. For me, achieving relevance has been much easier because the problems I write about are so real."

Mr. Washburn said for a Chickasaw, Indian law was a natural place to land.

"There are a lot of other Chickasaws practicing Indian law around the country, like Natalie Landreth at NARF in Alaska, James Nichols at Dorsey & Whitney in Minneapolis, and Brad Bledsoe Downes, with the successful BDR firm in Phoenix, he said.

"Like them, I feel a sense of obligation to my tribe and other Indian people, partially because I was given scholarships as an Indian in the course of my education. I frequently joke that I cannot explain to you why anyone becomes a tax or securities lawyer, but it is pretty easy for me to explain why I practice Indian law."

He said his Chickasaw heritage had always been important to him.

"I have always been proud of our people, our work ethic, and our resilience. I attribute it to strong leadership, which has been a tradition in our tribe," he said. "While other tribes have endured crippling internal political disputes or found it difficult to overcome some of the tragedies of the past, our tribal leadership has focused clearly on the future. In my lifetime, our tribe has moved steadily forward.

"I also think self-sufficiency is a major part of



Kevin Washburn

our Chickasaw cultural identity. The truth is that our tribal leadership has often made good (and very hard) decisions in difficult times."

He said his mother, Shirley Starks, and his wife have had a great influence on his life and career.

"I have also had help from many important people and truly do stand on the shoulders of giants," he said. "Hands down, the leading influence growing up has been my mother, who lives in Purcell, Oklahoma. The older I get, the more I realize what a powerful influence she was.

"She was the first woman to serve as President of the Chamber of Commerce in Purcell, back in the early 1970s. She raised three children, much of the time as a single parent, and always through hard work, and often while barely making ends meet. She continues to be unfailingly generous with her children and her grandchildren.

"My wife, the former Libby Rodke, is a terrific influence as well. Libby is also a lawyer and she provides me wise counsel on most everything. I don't do anything important without seeking her excellent judgment.

"Libby is also a Chickasaw and has worked for our tribe in the past, both for Jefferson Keel in Ada and Charles Blackwell in Washington, D.C. Libby's family lives in Pauls Valley and they still own their original Chickasaw allotment in Paoli."

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Spring is here and projects move ahead

Hello, Everyone!
It is Spring! And it seems to be arriving in full swing. We have thunderstorms forecast for today and off and on for other days of the week. Following the terrible tornado of just a few weeks ago in our area we understandable get just a little bit "on alert." And that reminds me - If you are not aware of our storm shelter program (through the Housing Division) it is a good program for inquiry. It has two branches - income based, the lower income qualified recipients have shelters installed with federal dollars, and those not in the lower income qualification are still eligible with shelters furnished by expenditure of

tribal dollars. As you might imagine, this is a very popular program and therefore the waiting list may be a little long. Still, it is worth the "wait!"

With Spring also come the birds and they are chirping all over the place. So much fun to watch. We have numerous bird-watchers in our family group and we enjoy identifying different types - many who don't seem to know they are out of their normal territory. My two sisters both live down on very wooded original allotment land left to us by our mother and they get such joy out of the birds and their personalities. My mother used to have a red bird (cardinal) who would peck on her window if she had not fed the birds by the usual time. Did you know that Indian lore says that a day begun by seeing

a red bird will be a "very good day?"

The new hospital is over half-way complete and the thrill of its progress is as big as the hospital. And of course, soon we will have a new administrator of all our health care system as Bill Lance moves over to the Commerce Division of the Tribe. Bill has done such an incredible, outstanding job and we will miss him. But the Governor seems to have a genuine gift of putting just the right person in the right place so I am extremely confident we will be in good hands!

Construction seems to be going on all over the place - the buildings to house our Tribal Court system and the twin to it, the Legislative building are coming along. Also, very soon the Ardmore senior apartments will be begun. They will be located on the compound where the senior nutrition site and activity center are located. (Also the site of the wellness center, the food center and the health care clinic).

Our Bank2 opted not to participate in the federally funded TARP program. Thankfully the bank is in a solid financial position and did not care for the criteria of the guidelines to participate. The bank's current net worth is in the \$90 million range, I believe, and the only funding it ever received was its initial start-up funding (which was a very long way from \$90 million)!

We are blessed that our leaders have used careful and prudent planning, paying as we go, and no services are in danger of being curtailed. It is my hope for you that the economic downturn in our country is not causing you personal worry or grief and that you will personally be well. God's blessing to all of you!

Linda Briggs



**LINDA
BRIGGS**

Chickasaw
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Legislature

Mrs. Tate makes a visit to the legislature

Spring is a wonderful time of the year with the growth of new things, the return of leaves to our trees, and grasses on our hill-sides. For today, I am caused to reflect on the magnificence of this season. I celebrate Easter this Spring because of my relationship with Jesus Christ. This time of the year makes me think of what is important to me, and family comes up on the list. My family and my Chickasaw family hold such a special place in my heart.

In Legislative session last week, we were graced with the presence of our beloved elder Mrs. Juanita Tate. Mrs. Tate was accompanied by her granddaughter, Shana Tate Hammond. Her purpose for coming

was just to be there with us and experience the process of a custom, tradition and legal practice of the Chickasaw Nation.

We meet each month, third Friday of the month, at 9 a.m. Unless an unusual circumstance arises, you can trust us to be there. Just in case you are wondering, if we are not there at that specified time, it is because we voted on it the month before and moved the date and time. I can only remember that happening about three times in the last 15 years that I have served on the Legislature.

Mrs. Tate knew that we would be there, and she arrived right on time. When she spoke, she encouraged us as a body and also talked about family.

I realize the importance of family, whether it be my own

immediate family, or the great family that I serve in the Chickasaw Nation. Thank you for allowing me to serve as a Chickasaw Legislator.

Our elders are a very important part of our family as they carry secrets of the past and encouragement for the future. Mrs. Tate does not look to be her 96 years, but she does hold 96 years of history and wisdom on that small, proud frame.

I encourage you to get to know your elders. Take care of them. Seek them out. Spend time with them. We are fortunate to still have them with us.

Cherish your family, your friends, and your heritage. We have been given a gift. God bless you all.

Judy Goforth Parker, PhD, RN

Chickasaw Legislator

Pontotoc District, Seat 2



**DR. JUDY
GOFORTH
PARKER**

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Investment in students paying dividends

At the Chickasaw Nation, it has been our goal of long standing that all our people who want to seriously pursue higher education will be encouraged to do so. It is truly amazing the long road we have traveled in terms of education. Just a few generations ago, a Chickasaw with a college degree was about as rare as hen's teeth. Today, Chickasaw graduates are sprouting just like the Spring flowers!

As chairman of our Legislative Education Committee, I am very pleased to report to you that we are producing Chickasaw college graduates now at an astounding rate. Young Chickasaw men and women are succeeding like never before, and we have every reason to believe this trend will continue to pick up steam well into the future.

We understand that education equals power - and I mean good, positive power. The knowledge a Chickasaw gains from a college education gives him or her a wide path to a successful career, a solid family and financial security. As you know, I am fully committed to funding the essential scholastic needs of our students. I believe this is an exceptional use of our tribal resources and is an investment that pays incredible dividends for individuals, their families and for the tribe as a whole.

In February alone, we invested almost \$695,000 in grants, scholarships, textbook awards, incentives, certifications, laptop computers and other programs for over 600 Chickasaw students, most of them college undergraduates.

Those funds are invested in the very best way possible - in Chickasaw people working hard to improve themselves, their lives

and their families' lives.

The more than 600 students receiving support in February come not just from the Chickasaw Nation, but from colleges and universities all across our country. Chickasaws are reaching out in virtually every state to improve their educations. I am personally very proud of our students, and I support their efforts wholeheartedly.

The success of our tribal businesses has provided us the opportunity to offer this support to our students. We are creating an exceptional cycle of learning, experience and achievement that will propel our tribe to exceptional heights.

Thanks to your support, these programs are truly hitting the mark for hundreds of Chickasaw students each and every month.

I appreciate your continued input and support of our vital education programs.

Our students are the best!



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Hard hat tour allows peek at new hospital

Hello and greetings from Legislator Mary Jo Green, Seat 5, Pontotoc District and Committee Chair of the Health Care Committee! What beautiful Spring weather we are having. We enjoyed the warmest temperatures on record for February and early March. But we also need some rain. We hope to get some in April!

The entire Legislature was treated to a presentation and tour of the new hospital in March. The Governor invited us to his conference room where we saw a PowerPoint presentation and had lunch with Governor Anoatubby, Lt. Governor Keel and all the administrators as well as Lisa Bumpus, Deputy

Administrator for the Health System. We then took a tour of the new hospital.

We all wore hard hats as work was progressing as we toured. There were many new items to see as the steel and concrete floors had been built since our last visit. Many of the outside walls are also up. Air conditioning units and insulation are being installed now. Dr. Judy Goforth Parker took pictures to put up on her blog so that she can share them with you. It was an informative trip and the building is huge and very impressive!

The Health System provided the following statistics: for the month of February, 2009, there were 189 hospitalizations at Carl Albert Indian Health Facility. The number of outpatient visits at Carl Albert was 20,149.

February Emergency Room visits were 1,119. February saw 216 surgeries and the Same-day Clinic saw 2,990 patients.

The Family Practice Clinic in Ada saw 1,766 patients in February. The Ardmore Clinic saw 3,221 patients and the Tishomingo Clinic saw 1,983. The Durant Clinic saw 2,697 patients and the Purcell Clinic saw 2,253 in February.

I would love to hear from you! Please contact me through my email address mary.green@chickasaw.net or through the address and telephone number listed elsewhere in this and every issue of *the Chickasaw Times* and on the Chickasaw Nation web site. My articles are also located on the web site. Until next month, thank you.



MARY JO GREEN

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Counting on each other a tradition

Hello Everyone,
As I thought about this letter and tried to identify what issues were being discussed among us since I last wrote to you, I realized that I haven't heard much, if any, discussion of issues and concerns. It seems as though people have understandably kind of hunkered down. The uncertainty of the current economic crisis has somehow caused us to withdraw, sell things, save our money and prepare for something unknown and bad to happen.

It helps to put our current "recession" into context. We currently have four 24-hour television news outlets that continuously report on housing foreclosures, layoffs, business failures, lost retirement funds and

homelessness. Many of the reports begin and end with the quotes "the worst since the Great Depression." In addition, most of us have parents or grandparents who lived through the Great Depression and molded our lives with their stories of survival. While it is true that the current economic situation is bad, the facts are that current unemployment rates are in the neighborhood of 8%. In the Great Depression, unemployment was 25%. Through the end of last year, the economy had shrunk 2% in comparison to nearly 25% in the depth of the Great Depression. In the Great Depression, banks simply shut down. Today, the federal government is active in keeping the banking system viable.

While things really aren't as bad as they were in the Great Depression, there is a very important common thread. Our parents and grandparents survived the Great Depression by helping each other and working together to meet the needs of their communities and individuals.

Just recently several local communities came together to assist a beloved, long-time resident and Chickasaw elder whose home and possessions were destroyed by fire. The community's efforts were many. There were donations of money, food and clothing. I believe the most heartening was a benefit pig-roast/fish fry and pie auction. Volunteers set-up, cooked, served, visited, ate and enjoyed each other's company while helping one of their own community members. Supporters came and gladly donated their hard earned dollars to eat and bid on donated items, pies and even the left over bread and aluminum foil. The amount of money raised was amazing and I believe all participants were as blessed as the beneficiary of their efforts.

Chickasaws and Americans help each other. In times of need, that is what we do. In this time of need, it is good to be Chickasaw and avail ourselves of all the programs and services of the Chickasaw Nation. To help you do so, reserve your copy of the 2009 Chickasaw Nation Programs and Services Directory by call (866) 466-1481 or visit: <http://www.chickasaw.net/servicedirectory>

Once your request has been received, a directory will be mailed to your home.

Remember, in the uncertainty of these times in which we live, it is good to be Chickasaw, and it is good to use the programs and services of our Nation.

Respectfully,
Katie



KATIE CASE

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Annual audit of tribe prepared by KPMG

Well, spring is finally here and signs of new life are everywhere. Gardens are being planted, yards are beginning to be trimmed, and friends and family seem to welcome the opportunity to labor in the warm spring air long into the afternoons and evenings after the confinement of winter and its cold, shorter days. At the Chickasaw Nation, spring also means making the annual external audit a priority.

The Chickasaw Nation annually prepares consolidated financial statements which must be independently audited and issued nine months after the end of the fiscal year or by June 30. KPMG, a nationally

recognized audit firm, conducts the audit including the audit of the basic financial statements and the single audit as required for federal grants in accordance with OMB Circular A-133. The audit is a time and labor intensive process which requires the KPMG staff to spend many hours both on site doing test work as well as analytical testing once site work is complete. Jenny Trett, Chief Financial Administrator of the Chickasaw Nation, informed me that the auditors actually begin their test work even before the fiscal year ends in order to complete all test and review work so the financial statements can be issued by the required deadlines.

The job of the auditor is to plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free of material misstatements. Ms. Trett also reports that "One of the early steps for the auditors is to evaluate and test internal controls to establish the level of risk that the controls in the organization are adequate. In addition to an evaluation of internal controls and risk the auditors determine which programs and grants require transactional testing based on dollar thresholds established by the auditors in accordance with Government Auditing Standards. The auditors randomly select transaction for review and testing to ensure all approvals and policies were followed for that transaction."

The auditors test transactions that cover all areas of finance including cash, accounts payable payments, contracts, payroll and deposits. Once the auditors issue their opinion on the financial statements, they and the audit report are issued. The Chickasaw Nation Division of Treasury then sends the audit report to the appropriate federal and state agency in accordance with grant or contract requirements, including the federal clearinghouse which is the repository for all grantee's audit reports.

The audit in process is for fiscal year 2007/08 and will be complete by June 30. Our previous audit for fiscal year 2006/07 produced an unqualified opinion. This is the auditor's judgment that they have no reservation as to the fairness of presentation of the Chickasaw Nation's financial statements and their conformity with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP), also termed a "clean opinion."

It is my honor and privilege to serve you,
Holly Easterling, CPA
Finance Committee Chair



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Now is the time for reviewing history

Chukma, Recently, I was able to take my mother, June Leake and her sister, Annie Pahler back to their birth place. We drove to Chickasha, Oklahoma to visit their first cousin, Dr. John Minnett. John took us to see the original home place and allotment of Mary Annetta Collins, my grandmother. Interestingly enough, Mom and Annie were the only two of six siblings to be born on grandmother's allotment land. The house is gone but the original barn and storm shelter are intact. In



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downtown Ninnekah, Cousin John was able to point out the location of my great grandfather, Benjamin Franklin Collins' livery stable. We also toured the local cemetery and saw the final resting place of Benjamin F. Collins and his wife, Annie Rebecca Thornton Collins and several other family members. It was intriguing to hear my elders (ages 80, 82 & 91) share their memories and to see the actual locations. We had a wonderful trip and it was nice to learn more about my ancestors and see the original allotment land of my grandmother, her siblings and my GGF. I encourage all of you to check out your family history and record it. Don't wait until it is too late!

New officers were elected for the senior council at the Achille Senior Citizen's Center. The council plans fund raisers, trips and other activities. Congratulations to the new council officers. I know they will strive to have new and exciting things in store for the seniors. Thank you to the former council officers. Your hard work and planning are much appreciated. The Achille Senior Center is busy planning their next taco sale and fund raiser so if you get a chance stop by for a visit.

At our last month's Legislative Session, we had a distinguished guest, Mrs. Juanita Keel Tate. Last year Mrs. Tate was inducted into the Chickasaw Hall of Fame and had her first book, "Edmund Pickens, First Elected Chickasaw Chief, His Life and Times" published by the Chickasaw Press. The book is available for purchase at the Chickasaw Nation. Mrs. Tate resides in Ardmore, Oklahoma and is currently working on her next writing project. She is very active in documenting family history and encourages others to do the same.

In March, the Johnson O'Malley Conference (JOM) was held in Tulsa, OK. The Johnson O'Malley Act was passed in 1934, to subsidize education, and other services provided by States or Territories to Indians living within their borders. (Wikipedia encyclopedia) Parents, school personnel and educators attend to interact, share and learn more about educating the Native American student. Attending gives me the chance to visit with parents, hear new educational ideas and gain insight on education today for Indian children. To learn more about the JOM program in the Chickasaw Nation, contact Mr. Robert Pickens in the education department.

May you be blessed of the Lord, Maker of heaven and earth. Ps. 115: 15

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Achille Senior Council officers include from left, Kay Anders, Dolly Nichols, Doris Sutterfield, Mary Barcenas



A picture of June Leake discussing family genealogy with Dr. John Minnett



Headstone of Ben F. Collins and Annie Rebecca Thornton Collins



Mrs. Juanita Tate and Legislator Beth Alexander at the March Legislative Session.

Hogan, Larsens are finalists in Oklahoma Book Award program

Three publications, one by Chickasaw artist Mike Larsen and two by Chickasaw author Linda Hogan, were recently announced as finalists in the 2009 Oklahoma Book Award competition.

"They Know Who They Are," by Mike and Martha Larsen, was named a finalist in the Design/Illustration Category. "People of the Whale" by Linda Hogan, was named as a finalist in the Fiction category and "Round the Human Corners," also by Hogan, in the Poetry category.

"Mike Larsen and Linda Hogan are incredibly talented individuals who have made great contributions to art and literature," Gov. Bill Anoatubby said. "It is a great pleasure to see them honored by this outstanding organization."

For the third consecutive year, a book published by the Chickasaw Press is a finalist for this award. This year, "They Know Who They Are," an illustrative book featuring 24 paintings by Mike Larsen, was honored. The paintings were the product of a series of interviews with living Chickasaw elders and were intended to capture their strength and spirit.

Pulitzer Prize finalist Linda Hogan's "People of the Whale" is a tale of a Vietnam veteran who is divided between his war experience and his Native American roots. It was published in 2008 by W. W. Norton and Company.

Hogan's book of poetry, "Rounding the Human Corners" was published by Coffeehouse Press and observes the ways in which all living things are connected.

The books are among 35 finalists selected from a pool of 156 entries. Winners will be announced Saturday, April 4 at the Oklahoma Book Award Ceremony at the Edward L. Gaylord-T. Boone Pickens Oklahoma Heritage Museum in Oklahoma City.

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Mike Larsen



Linda Hogan

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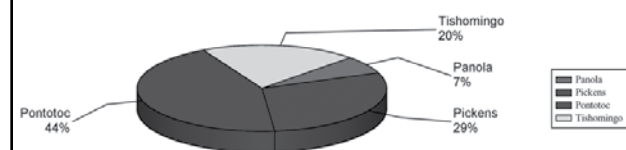
Court Advocate Services are now available in Ardmore, Ada, and Purcell to assist Native Americans with their legal problems.

To make an appointment call 1-800-479-1459.

This is a service provided by the tribal court system.

Count of Voters by District

Panola	1,588	Pontotoc	10,459
Pickens	6,887	Tishomingo	4,751
			<u>23,685</u>



Traditional baskets produced by PV, Purcell, Duncan seniors

Chickasaw Nation elders from Pauls Valley, Purcell and Duncan gathered at the Pauls Valley Senior Center March 16 to learn about basket weaving. The class was taught by Chickasaw basket maker Sue Fish.

"We really wanted to bring the elders from the different locations together to work on a traditional Chickasaw craft," said Linda Landgraf, tribal Division on Aging activities coordinator.

Classes were also taught at Madill and Connerville senior centers. Dozens of seniors constructed baskets that will be used for their annual Easter egg hunt later this month.

Ms. Fish is employed at the American Indian Cultural Center and Museum in Oklahoma City and is a member of both the Oklahoma

Basket Weaving Association and the Oklahoma Native American Basket Weaving Association. She has been weaving for more than 20 years.

"From the first class, I was hooked and it became a passion of mine," she said.

Though she's been weaving for decades, she believes that she is still learning and is striving to generate interest in the craft.

"I want to learn as much as I can and then pass the knowledge along so the tradition stays alive among our people," she said.

Those interested in learning more about basket weaving can email Ms. Fish at pashofa@cox.net.

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Chickasaw Nation Elders from Pauls Valley, Purcell and Duncan show off their Easter baskets made under the direction of Chickasaw basket weaver Sue Fish.

Net income reaches \$114m for first five months of FY09

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The tribal government cap- tion includes the tribe's gen- eral fund and the tribe's BIA trust funds. The Chickasaw Businesses include all of the businesses and operations of the Chickasaw Enterprises. Not included in the financial statements are federally or state funded programs and/ or grants and the financial statements of Bank 2 and Chickasaw Industries, Inc.

The growing needs of the businesses are taken into account when determining the transfers from the busi- nesses to the general fund. It is vital to the long range mis- sion of the Chickasaw Nation that the businesses continue to grow and diversify.

Revenues of the tribal operation, other than the transfer from businesses, in- clude motor fuel settlement funds and investment in- come. Chickasaw Businesses revenues include gaming revenues net of prizes, sales revenue at convenience, trav- el plazas and tobacco stores, rent and investment income.

Tribal expenditures are classified by function. Gen- eral government includes the maintenance and operations of tribal property, Chickasaw Times and governor's and lt. governor's offices. Expendi- ture for education includes education scholarship as

well as the tribe's division of education. Health expenditures include senior citizens sites, eye glasses, hearing aids, pre- scription drugs, wellness center, community health clinics, catastrophic medical assistance and other similar programs not covered by federal programs or grants.

The businesses' expenditures are classified as to expenses associated with gaming opera- tion of the tribe and the other businesses of the tribe.

Executive Summary of the Financial Statements of the period ending February 28, 2009

Tribal Government

Revenues and transfers from the businesses for operations and fixed assets totaled \$63.7 million year-to-date. Expendi- tures were \$7.6 million for the month and \$31.1 million year-to-date. There has been a total, beginning in fiscal year 2004, of \$114.0 million transferred from the businesses that were reserved for capital projects.

Chickasaw Businesses

Revenue net of gaming prizes for February totaled \$72 million and \$344 million year-to-date. Net income before the transfers to the Tribal Government was \$26 million for the month and \$114 million year-to-date. After transfers to the Tribal Govern- ment for capital projects and tribal program operations the net income was \$33.8 million

year-to-date. The net income includes all revenue, including amounts reserved for business growth and expansion.

Statement of Net Assets

At February 28, 2009, the tribal government funds had \$112 million in cash and in- vestments. Of this amount,

Chickasaw Nation Tribal Operations Statement of Revenues and Expenditures For the Five Months Ended February 28, 2009

Revenues			
Transfers from businesses to tribal government	\$	58,954,859	0
Total funds available		63,720,756	348,926,643
Expenditures			
General government		4,074,400	4,074,400
Legislature		746,369	746,369
Judiciary		342,379	342,379
Education		5,940,452	5,940,452
Heritage Preservation		2,137,210	2,137,210
Health		5,766,832	5,766,832
Youth and Family Services		3,589,145	3,589,145
Nutrition Programs		1,628,918	1,628,918
Regulatory		2,341,994	2,341,994
Assistance Programs		4,620,388	4,620,388
Transfer to Loan Program		-	-
Gaming expense		188,761,883	188,761,883
Other businesses' expense		62,605,640	62,605,640
Total expenditures		31,188,088	251,367,523
Increase in net assets		32,532,669	33,838,365
Beginning net assets		292,309,411	412,240,077
Ending net assets	\$	324,842,079	446,078,442

Chickasaw Nation Tribal Operations Statement of Net Assets February 28, 2009

Cash and Investments	\$	112,943,293	167,334,483	280,277,776
Receivables		1,010,620	27,239,637	28,250,257
Inventory			5,317,013	5,317,013
Prepaid expenses			9,084,607	9,084,607
Other Assets			44,032,715	44,032,715
Fixed assets		211,667,258	371,593,822	583,261,080
Less payables		(779,092)	(178,523,834)	(179,302,926)
Net Assets	\$	324,842,079	446,078,442	770,920,521

\$14.0 million is in the BIA Trust funds. This total does not include any federal pro- gram funds.

The businesses had \$167 mil- lion in cash and investments which is reserved for accounts payable and business opera- tions.

As of February 28, 2009,

tribe operations, excluding federal program funding, had assets totaling \$950 mil- lion with \$179 million in pay- ables resulting in net assets of \$770 million compared to \$712 million at September 30, 2008 or an increase of \$58 million.

	Tribal Government	Chickasaw Businesses	Total
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Nurse encourages men to build rewarding career

The parallel between his new career and his Native American roots never occurred to Chickasaw Jerry Turner until a friend mentioned it.

When Mr. Turner, a registered nurse, announced his position as a flight nurse for EagleMed, his friend said "well, Jerry, you'll be flying with the eagles now."

"I've always been proud to be a Chickasaw, but this coincidence with the eagle symbolism is the coolest thing," Mr. Turner said.

EagleMed is a privately-owned critical care transport service using helicopters and airplanes. This "flying ICU" mainly serves the Midwest region, but is able to assist anywhere in the country.

The pressures of nursing are amplified when flying thousands of feet above ground. Not only are the patients in critical condition, Mr. Turner said, but adjustments have to be made for air pressure and the physiology of flight.

"You have to be ready for anything and constantly be mindful of the conditions of both the patient and the aircraft," he said.

He recalls the chaos at the scene of one of his most recent flights to Lone Grove, Oklahoma, minutes after the town was ripped apart by a tornado.

"Because of the weather, the flight down to the area was extremely turbulent," he said. "When we arrived to transport the patient to Dallas, the emergency room was so furious that it looked like a scene from a movie."

Though his job can sometimes be tumultuous, Mr. Turner said he wouldn't give



Jerry Turner

it up for anything.

"It is such an honor to be a flight nurse," he said. "Every day is different, every patient is different. I love doing my best to save their lives."

After graduating from the University of Central Oklahoma in 1990 with a degree in biology, Mr. Turner began a career in cancer research.

He said that after years of looking through a microscope at slides with only names and patient numbers, he needed more.

"I wanted to put a face with these names," he said. "I knew that becoming a nurse would be the best way to do that."

He enrolled in the nursing program at Oklahoma State University-Oklahoma City and became a registered nurse in 2003.

Mr. Turner began a five-year stint working as an emergency

room nurse at Integris Baptist Medical Center and Mercy Memorial Hospital in Oklahoma City.

In 2008, EagleMed partnered with Integris hospitals prompting the company to set up a base in Oklahoma City. When Mr. Turner heard about it, he knew it would be an amazing opportunity.

Raising awareness about nursing as a career, Mr. Turner said, is a passion for him. He is especially interested in getting the message out among men.

"There is a shortage of nurses in America," he said, "and when there are fewer nurses, there are even fewer male nurses."

He encourages men to consider nursing, despite stereotypes that nursing is "for women."

"It's such a rewarding career," he said. "It would be a shame for someone to be reluctant because of these stereotypes."

Mr. Turner is now pursuing his master's degree in nursing. He and his wife Sandra live in Mustang, Oklahoma. The couple have three children, Joshua, 11; Joel, 9; and Hannah, 7.

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Chickasaw artist Margaret Roach Wheeler's textiles recently received recognition at the prestigious Heard Museum Guild Indian Fair in Phoenix.

Chickasaw textile artist takes top honors at Heard Museum show

Chickasaw textile artist Margaret Roach Wheeler was recently honored at the 51st Annual Heard Museum Guild Indian Fair & Market's juried art competition.

Ms. Wheeler's submission, "Chickasaw," a Removal-era Chickasaw jacket, hat and pouch won "Best of Class" in the Textiles/Weavings category. This award came after she won first place in the Non-Traditional Attire division.

"It was such a surprise," she said. "I was in a category that included incredible talent and works of art."

With 30 years experience in weaving textiles and a background in both painting and sculpting, Ms. Wheeler approaches her loom like a painter would approach a canvas.

"I'm not just making a garment," she said. "I work as though I'm painting with the threads."

Aside from the Heard Museum, her works have been exhibited at the Museum of Art and Design in New York, Wheelwright Museum in Santa Fe, N. M. and Philbrook Museum of Art in Tulsa.

The Heard Museum of Native Cultures and Art is located in Phoenix and its juried competition is among the most prestigious in the nation. All art presented strives to fulfill the museum's mission of educating the public about the heritage and living cultures and arts of Native peoples, with an emphasis on the Southwest.

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Military woman values cultural diversity, understanding

U.S. Air Force Major Christina Priest Krag, a Chickasaw citizen, says she has never taken the easy path in life. But, she says, she has learned to enjoy the journey that life takes you on while traveling the path.

"Set high goals, dream big and believe in yourself," Major Krag said. "Even if you're afraid you can't make it, never give up your dreams."

Growing up in the country just south of Houston, she rode and trained horses, enjoyed flying, being outside, riding bikes, go-carts, and driving around the Texas countryside exploring.

"My Dad used to say that high school kids can do only five things," she said. "Those were, 'get a job,' 'go to jail,' 'go to school,' 'join the military,' or 'die.' For me, as a kid fresh out of high school, numbers one, two and five were not acceptable, so I combined three and four for a better life."

In high school Maj. Krag joined the Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC). She received a basic drill training consisting of marching, physical training, and led flag raisings at sporting events.

She began her military career in 1990. From 1990-1994, she was a cadet at the U.S. Air Force Academy where she earned a bachelor's degree in behavioral science. After graduation, Maj. Krag began active duty, serving in Operation Iraqi Freedom and throughout the world.



Major Christina Krag

She also received specialized technical training in computers, acquisition, flying and logistics.

During her time in the Air Force, Maj. Krag has undertaken a wide range of duties. From 1994-96 she served as Junior-level Command/Administrative positions in

Japan, 1996-99 Acquisition/Flying in New Mexico, Florida and Texas, 2000-02 Logistics in Virginia working ground transportation and fueling aircraft, 2003-04 in Korea controlling passenger and cargo movements and 2005-present in Germany planning logistics for missions at Ramstein Air Force Base.

She has assisted in delivering humanitarian aid to Africa and was a lead planner coordinating the Air Force's response to avian influenza (bird flu) throughout Europe.

"One of my biggest achievements came when I aided in saving 14,000-plus lives while working at Joint Command supporting the 2006 Noncombatant Evacuation Operation in Lebanon," said Maj. Krag.

Maj. Krag has won several awards including a Meritorious Service Medal, four Commendation Medals, a Joint Achievement Medal, numerous Quarterly Company Grade (Junior) Officer

of the Quarter awards, and 9th Air Force Fuels officer of the Year in 2002.

Throughout her military career she has remembered her Chickasaw roots and has always sought to learn more about her culture and heritage.

"For years,

I have been thankful to Governor Anotubby for writing a critical recommendation to help me get into the Air Force Academy," she said. "He was willing to take a chance on me and I've lived up to it. I have always wanted to tell him that in person but never had the chance."

In 2004 at Osan Air Base, in Korea, Major Krag was elected as chairperson for Native American Heritage Month.

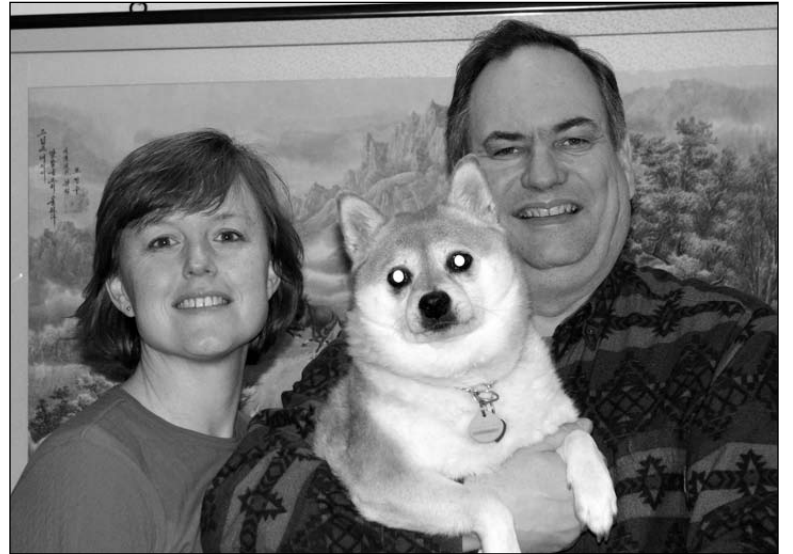
She organized a base lunch for 300 people, made commemorative coins, encouraged tribal storytelling by members of several tribes stationed at the base, and finished that month by showing the movie "Windtalkers" at the base theater.

"To me, 'Windtalkers' was a very positive story about Native Americans who made a real difference for our country," she said. "It helped me really value my Native American heritage and start my Indian journey through life."

Since then, she has watched several movies on Native Americans and visited the Native American Heritage Museum in Washington, D.C. twice to learn more about Native American culture and to see Chickasaw astronaut John Herington's Eagle Feather that traveled to Space.

"The Museum was a unique experience, allowing me to see how Indian people live in the world today while integrating their culture into daily life, something I've been learning to understand more and more," said Maj. Krag.

Maj. Krag has used her time in the military and the tuition assistance program the military provides to earn a master's degree in management. Currently she is working on a second mas-



Maj. Christina Krag with her husband, Thomas, and their Shiba Inu, Yuki.

ter's degree in international and human relations.

For the past four years Maj. Krag has been working military projects that develop her international/human relations and logistics skills.

Upon retirement from the Air Force in 2014, she desires to continue using her skills to make a difference in people's lives. She wants to help arrange humanitarian aid for impoverished people in Africa, America, and throughout the World.

"I've learned that you cannot give what you don't have, so focus on sharing what you do have," she said. "Share your strengths, time, talents, money, and knowledge with others by investing in their lives, as the real joys in life are found in people."

Major Krag is 37 and has been married almost 10 years to Thomas Krag, who she describes as a passionate guitarist and brilliant computer guy. Thomas Krag is ex-Air Force and understands Maj. Krag's "crazy lifestyle handling short-notice deployments" for six plus months at a time.

Today, she finds joy in her husband, her Japanese Shiba Inu dog Yuki, and her 50th Anniversary Harley Davidson 1200 Sportster Motorcycle.

"My goal is to increasingly cultivate contentment in my own life, my marriage, and my culture which will allow me to increasingly value the diversity around me," she said. "One day I hope to use my experiences in the military to do something to help the Chickasaw Nation's people...my people."

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'Go Fly a Kite' at White House in April

EMET, Okla. - The Chickasaw Nation will host an old-fashioned kite-flying event this month on the grounds of the historic Chickasaw White House. All kids are welcome along with their families to join the festivities!

The family-oriented event will take place April 17-18 and April 24-25 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Chickasaw White House is located in Emet, Okla.

In the early 1900s when Chickasaw Governor Douglas H. Johnston lived in the White House, creating and flying kites was one of his family's favorite past times.

Kite flying was also a popular social event when the home was a meeting place for many local gatherings.

To celebrate that history, area residents are invited to the White House each spring for a kite flying festival.

This event is free and open to the public. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

"Bring your own kite and join in the fun, or use one of the kites provided by the staff," said Regina Berna, tribal mu-

seums and historic sites director.

The newly-restored historic home will be open for tours, upon request.

Directions to the Chickasaw White House:

Emet Oklahoma is located southeast of Tishomingo in southeastern Oklahoma. Tishomingo can be accessed by Hwy 377 from the North or south.

From downtown Tishomingo go east on State Highway OK-22/OK-78 through Milburn (7 miles). Continue on Highway 78 for approximately three miles past Milburn. Watch for cemetery sign on east (left) side of highway, turn west (right) at the cemetery sign on Mansion Rd. and go approximately one-half mile. The White House is on the north (right) side of the road, 6379 east Mansion Rd.

For information about the Chickasaw White House and events contact Glenda Galvan at the Chickasaw Nation, (580) 235-7343 or (580) 332-8685.

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Help us update our military list!

The Chickasaw Nation is updating the military database for those on active duty and stationed away from home.

If you know of a Chickasaw in the service whom you would like to add to the list or update their address, please contact Joy Barrick in the public affairs department at (580) 310-6451 or email joy.barrick@chickasaw.net.

BIRTHDAYS



Zoey Baracosa

Zoey Lee-Ann Baracosa celebrated her third birthday Feb. 7, 2009 with friends and family at Chuck E Cheese's in Modesto, Calif. Her theme was "Cars" with Lightning McQueen serving as the cake topper.

Zoey is the daughter of Cheryl and James Baracosa, of Escondido, Calif.

She is the granddaughter of Jack and Janice Richison, of Riverbank, Calif., and Porum, Okla., and Kasmer and Ruth Baracosa, of Manteca, Calif. Great-grandmothers are Marilyn Weaver, of Modesto, and Juanita "Chewy" Baracosa, of Roseville, Calif. She is the great-great-granddaughter of the late Ora Nichols, an original enrollee.



Nicole Collins

Nicole Renee Collins is the daughter of Connie S. Myrick, of Del City, Okla., and the granddaughter of Durrett and Betty Collins.

Nicole celebrated her second birthday March 13, 2009 with her friends at Rose State College Child Development Center.

Little Nicole is a happy girl who loves reading, and playing with Tigger, Pooh, Elvis, Strawberry Shortcake, and eating strawberries and grapes.

Mommy, Dani, Marissa, Betty, "Ah", Oreo, Lexi, Zoe, Bubbles, Bo and Dutchess and all her friends and family wish Nicole the greatest second birthday.

We love you Nicole!



Bryce Davis

Bryce Michael Davis celebrated his second birthday with a cookout at his grandparents' home, Tommy and Carolyn Davis, Belton, Texas.

He is the son of Tommy Jr., and Ginger Davis, of Belton.

His great-grandparents are Charles and Betty Davis, of Kingston, Okla. He is the great-great-grandson of original enrollee the late Vivian Wallace and Earnest Wallace.



Brooklyn Ruth Frazier

Brooklyn Ruth Frazier celebrated her first birthday Dec. 27, 2008 with a big Care Bears party. Brooklyn is the daughter of Micah and Andrea Frazier, of Broken Bow, Okla.

She is the granddaughter of Willard and Sandra Frazier,

and Willie and Lorraine Stewart, all of Broken Bow, and Charles and Sharon Stewart, of DeQueen, Ark.



Tia Jene' Pickens

Tia Jene' Pickens celebrated her 18th birthday March 3, 2009.

She is the daughter of Craig and Alayne Pickens.

She is the only granddaughter of Daphne Brown, of Pauls Valley, Okla., Sherman Pickens, of Wynnewood, Okla., Arlene Miller and Kenneth Archie, both of Seattle.

Her senior year of high school she relocated from Robert A. Millikan High School in Long Beach, Calif., to Ardmore, Okla., where she is currently a senior at Ardmore High School and completing her second semester at Murray State College, Tishomingo, Okla., via Ardmore Higher Ed. She is an honor student and works at Rogers Elementary and HFW Wilson Community Center.

Happy birthday with Big Love and Hugs from her Meemah, Aunties Sandra D Pickens, Jennifer and Jene' Fields and her brothers, Kenneth and Matthew Pickens.



Neely Wood

Neely Alexis Wood turned 10 years old Feb. 27, 2009.

She is the daughter of Patricia Wood, of Tishomingo, Okla., and sister to Kayla Jo Wood.

Her grandparents are Larry and Eugenia Wood of Tishomingo, Phyllis Seymore of Bethany, Okla., and the late Joe Plumley. Her great-grandfather is Floyd Hackworth of Bromide, Okla.

She celebrated her birthday March 1 with a "Camp Rock" theme party at the Chickasaw Nation Community Center playing carnival games with friends and family.

Neely is in Ms. Easterling's fourth grade class at Tishomingo Elementary School where she is on the Governor's Chickasaw and Tishomingo Honor Rolls and was named student of the month for September 2008. She is active in Tishomingo Little Indian cheerleading, little league softball, Upward soccer and Twirl Stars. Neely loves playing softball, basketball, golf, cheerleading and going to the Chickasaw Nation Boys & Girls Club.

Hope you had a great 10th Birthday Neely!

We love you a lot!

CHICKASAW STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS



Joel Turner

Chickasaw student selected 'Student of the Month' for Leadership

Joel Lucas Turner, of Mustang, Okla., was selected Student of the Month for Leadership in March.

The Lakehoma Elementary School second grader was nominated by his teacher Mrs. Chaffee for the award. Joel was selected by the school counselor Mrs. White for the entire school.

Joel represented Lakehoma Elementary at the March School Board of Education Meeting and was introduced to the school board while being presented a certificate and a t-shirt.

True to the Chickasaws, he enjoys the outdoors, hunting, fishing and exploring the woods. His hobbies are raising his chickens, turtle and lizard. He likes to read books about any animal, especially snakes and other reptiles. He also loves to camp out and ride his four-wheeler as much as he can.

He is known for helping his fellow classmates and taking care of and being in charge of the class animals.

Joel is a descendant of Ira Guy, his Chickasaw great-grandfather and of Pauline Weaver (Kilcrease) of the Going Snake Clan of the Choctaws.

Joel is the son of Jerry and Sandra Turner, of Mustang.

Complete the Customer Service Survey and win!

Chickasaw citizens who complete a tribal customer service survey will have the opportunity to win \$100.

Chickasaws can access the Customer Service Survey by going to the tribal website at www.chickasaw.net. The survey seeks input from citizens

regarding tribal programs, services and customer service.

Once you have completed the survey, you can enter the \$100 giveaway. The \$100 will be given away each quarter. Winners will be announced in the Chickasaw Times.

CHICKASAW STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Chickasaw outfielder signed by Lon Morris

Leslie Chris Wesberry, Jr., Tishomingo High School senior, signed a letter of intent March 6 accepting a baseball scholarship to Lon Morris Junior College in Jacksonville, Texas.

"I had offers from over 50 schools but chose Lon Morris because my grandfather Lewis Wesberry is an alumni and I looked forward to going to school where my family attended," Leslie said. "I believe junior college baseball will provide me with an opportunity to compete against a high level of competition and allow me to really excel to the next level in my baseball career."

A four-year starter for Tishomingo High School, Leslie helped lead Tishomingo to back-to-back championships during the 2007 and 2008 baseball seasons as a utility player.

"We like Leslie because he plays extremely hard, is very versatile, and a head strong player," said Lon Morris Head Coach Josh Stewart, a Chickasaw citizen. "We are looking to bring him in as an outfielder and want to work on developing his pitching skills and strengths as an infielder playing third base."

Leslie was named JOM All-Around Student of the Year



Back row from left, Lewis Wesberry, Stacy Wesberry, Caley Wesberry, Tishomingo Head Coach Mike Matlack, Tishomingo Assistant Coach Anderson. Front row from left, Lon Morris Head Coach Josh Stewart, Leslie Chris Wesberry Jr., Chris Wesberry.

three times, 2008 Chickasaw Nation Athlete of the Year, Offensive Player of the Year, Chickasaw Nation baseball camp MVP, Tishomingo High School Mr. Indian Candidate three times, member of the Chickasaw Nation Leadership Class I, and selected to the Oklahoma Sunbelt Junior Team, the All-Conference team, and the Midwest Wolverines, an elite traveling baseball team.

He has been elected student council vice president and served four years on the council. He served as president of his freshman and junior classes, and vice president his sophomore and senior years.

He was Academic Athlete of the Year three times, and been on the Chickasaw Nation Governor's Honor Club for four years.

Leslie is the son of Chris and Stacy Wesberry, of Tishomingo, and the grandson of Chuck Wasson, of Dickinson, Texas, and the late Peggy Riddle, and Lewis and Lucretia Wesberry, of Hendrix, Okla.

Founded in 1854 as the New Danville Masonic Female Academy near Kilgore, Lon Morris College is the oldest existing two-year college in Texas and one of the oldest junior colleges west of the Mississippi.

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BIRTHS



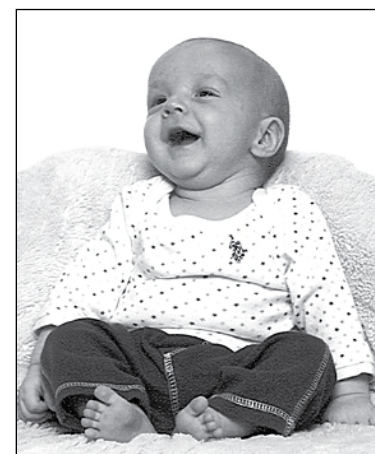
Saylor Smith

Saylor Dianne Smith was born Jan. 12, 2009 at Mercy Memorial Hospital, Ardmore, Okla. She weighed 7 lbs., 6 oz., and measured 19.5 inches at birth.

She is the daughter of Gregg and Summer Smith, of Ringling, Okla.

She is the granddaughter of Kenny and Susan Smith, of Ringling, the late Tommy Phelps, and the late Dianne Phelps.

She is the great-granddaughter of the late A.T. and the late Wannell Phelps, the late Marlin and the late JoAnn Holder, Clint Miller, of Healdton, Okla., and the late Donna Miller.



Ty Strecker

Ty Stetson Strecker was born Nov. 10, 2008 at 1:56 p.m. at Carl Albert Indian Hospital, Ada, Okla. He weighed 6 lbs., 12.3 oz and measured 20 inches at birth.

He is the son of Shannon and Winnie Strecker, of Kingston, Okla. He has two brothers, Tanner, 10, and Cole, 3.

He is the grandson of Don and Olga Gatewood, of Searcy, Ark., Kathy Barker, of Crescent, Okla., Ricky and Molly Strecker, of Chattanooga, Okla., and Phyllis Strecker, of Hot Springs, Ark.

He is the great-grandson of Winnie Gatewood, of Edmond, Okla., Mattie Jo Gilbert, of Ardmore, Okla., and Pauline Watts, of Chattanooga.

Note of Thanks

I would like to thank the wonderful staff at Carl Albert Indian Hospital for the excellent care my son and I received during my pregnancy and after his delivery on Nov. 10, 2008.

The care we received from the Women's Clinic and the OB Unit staff was unsurpassed. I have never before seen a kinder more compassionate group of doctors, midwives and nurses.

My thanks especially to Dr. Neill Taylor, Dr. Humberto Quintero, Susan Hurst, CNM, Pat Vavricka, CNM, and Diana Holland, RN. You all hold a special place in my heart.

God bless you all.

Sincerely,
Winnie Strecker

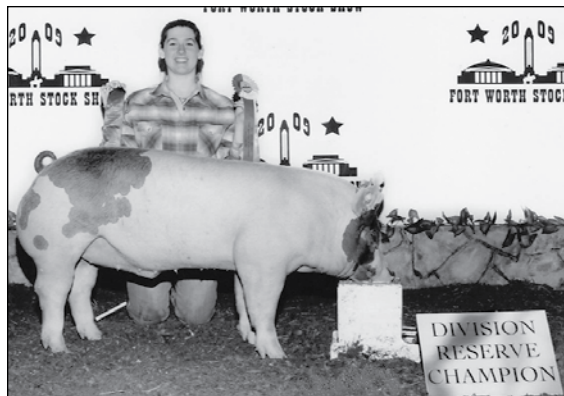
Note of Thanks

The congregation of the Sandy Creek Presbyterian Church would like to express our gratitude to Wayne and Debbie Walker, Jeremy and Ashleigh Wallace, Tara Dorsey, LaDonna Brown, Nancy Boston, Cindy Highfield, Jason Carpenter, and Lee Frazier of the Chickasaw Dance Troupe for their demonstrations during the Moody Bible College of Chicago, Illinois visit to our church.

We are very grateful. Lord Bless you.

Thank you,
Liz Beck

Chickasaw student shows top hogs



Danielle Taylor, a senior FFA member at Bullard (TX) High School, exhibited the Reserve Champion Cross Barrow at the Ft. Worth Stock Show Feb. 6, 2009. She made the Sale of Champions with her pig named, "Daddy's Mondy." Danielle was also awarded a \$10,000 college scholarship. She exhibited the Grand Champion Spot Gilt at the San Antonio Livestock Show Feb. 11, 2009.

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CHICKASAW STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS



Erin Tewell

Tewell earns UCO bachelor's

A Chickasaw student has recently earned her bachelor's degree along with a medical certification.

Erin Tewell, of Edmond, Okla., graduated from the University of Central Oklahoma in December 2008. She earned a bachelor's degree in business administration with a minor in economics.

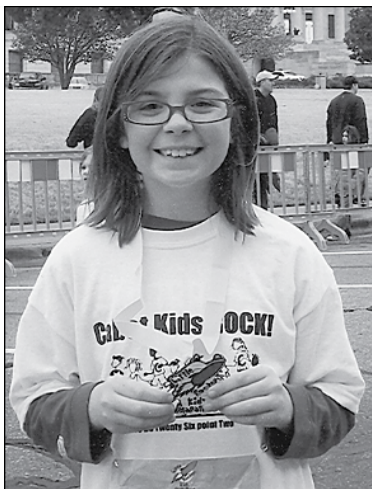
She also obtained a certification in surgical technology from Metro Technology Center in Oklahoma City.

Ms. Tewell worked full-time at Edmond Medical Center while she completed her education. She had previously worked as a nurse extender at Mercy Health Center in Oklahoma City.

She graduated from Edmond Memorial High School in 1999. At Memorial she was vice president of the National Honor Society, secretary of Key Club and a varsity pom squad member.

During her high school career, she participated in the Leadership in Education and Development Program for minority students. The three-month program introduced students to various businesses and was conducted at Columbia University, New York.

Ms. Tewell has recently accepted a job with Chesapeake Energy Corporation in Oklahoma City.



Allie Grisham

Third grader in Arkansas marathon

Allie Grisham, a Cabot, Arkansas third grader, recently completed her first marathon.

Allie ran in the Little Rockers Marathon on March 14. She ran 25.2 miles in training at her school running club and ran the last mile around the state capitol at Little Rock.

Allie is also on the Junior Lady Panthers basketball team, coached by her father. The Panthers won their first tournament as a third-grade team.

She is the daughter of Don and Kristina Grisham, of Cabot.

Her grandparents are Myles and Sandy Homer, of Ardmore, Okla.

She is the great-granddaughter of the late Nick and Lillian Fowler, and Myles and Juanita Homer.

Little Miss Chickasaw, legislators at Ardmore powwow



Little Miss Chickasaw Chelsea "Sissy" Wedlow with Tribal Legislators David Woerz, left, and Scott Colbert at the Dreamcatchers Annual Pow Wow in Ardmore, Okla.



Lindsay Grisham, center, with her parents, Don and Kristina Grisham.

Cabot High School senior honored for team contributions

Lindsay Grisham, of Cabot, Arkansas, was recognized with several awards on senior night at Cabot High School.

Lindsay, 18, has been the manager of the varsity girls' basketball team for three years.

Lindsay is the daughter of

Don and Kristina Grisham, of Cabot.

Her grandparents are Myles and Sandy Homer, of Ardmore, Okla.

Her great-grandparents are the late Nick and Lillian Fowler and Myles and Juanita Homer.



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JudyLee Oliva

Chickasaw playwright awarded \$10,000 for 'Te Ata' collaboration

The National Museum of the American Indian in Washington, D.C. has awarded a Chickasaw playwright \$10,000 to compose and record new tracks for her play, "Te Ata."

JudyLee Oliva, of Choctaw, Okla., will collaborate with flutist/composer/engineer Jan Seiden to create new music for a revised edition of her play, "Te Ata."

Playing on more than 30 different Native flutes and drawing on her expertise as a producer/sound engineer, Seiden will work with Oliva to compose and record music and sound effects to accompany the play - eliminating the need for orchestra, and grounding the play in a more Native tradition.

The result will make touring of the production more feasible. The award is part of the National Museum's Visual and Expressive Arts Program.

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Summer Youth Employment Applications now available at Area Offices

Applications are now available for the 2009 Chickasaw Nation Summer Youth Program.

The Summer Youth Program is an eight week-employment program for Native American youth ages 14-21, which provides valuable work experience ranging from tribal operations, child care, to health systems or businesses in the non-profit sector.

The goal of the program is for participants to acquire new skills and increase their education.

Applicants must provide the following documentation:

Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood (CDIB)

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Social Security Card
Selective Service number (males 18 years of age or older)

Recent report card, achievement test scores, or transcript

The deadline to return applications to the area offices is Friday, May 1. Please contact the area office in your area for additional information.

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(580) 622-2888

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Newcastle Pacer named top Oklahoma community newspaper in weekly category



The Newcastle (OK) Pacer, a weekly newspaper owned by the Chickasaw Nation, recently received the top award at the Oklahoma Press Association Midwinter conference in Tulsa. Pacer staffers are, front row from left, Janie Blunt and Kim Noe. Back row from left, Victoria Middleton, Robin Wilson and Rinay James.

Photo provided

The Newcastle (OK) Pacer has received its third Sequoyah Award in the last four years, marking the community newspaper as one of the best weeklies in the state.

The Sequoyah Award is the top award presented annually by the Oklahoma Press Association (OPA).

The Pacer is owned by the Chickasaw Nation.

Five members of The Pacer staff attended the OPA Midwinter convention in February. The paper received three first place plaques in the 2008 Better Newspaper Contest. It won the Sequoyah Award in Division 6, weekly circulation 1,250-1,699. Other newspapers receiving top honors in their divisions were the Muskogee Phoenix, Stillwater NewsPress, The Journal Record, Mustang News, Oologah Lake Leader, Waurika News-Democrat, Sequoyah County Times and the Oklahoma Gazette.

"The Sequoyah Award means a great deal to the Newcastle Pacer," said Pacer Publisher Robin Wilson. "It is a great way to show that working as a team and striving to provide the community with a quality newspaper has a great reward."

The first-place plaques received by the Pacer were for Sports Coverage, Sales Promotion, and Layout & Design. The newspaper also took second place in Advertising, News Writing and Feature Writing; third

place in In-Depth Enterprise and Personal Columns; and fourth place in News Content and Community Leadership.

"It's fun, inviting, with interesting story choices. I'm sure the readers are the winners here," one judge commented about The Pacer.

Members of the Hoosier State Press Association judged a total of 824 entries from 88 newspapers received in the 2008 Better Newspaper Contest.

The Sequoyah Award is based on total points accumulated in all events. The Pacer is one of 34 newspapers in Division 6, the second largest division in the OPA, and took the top award in its division with 800 points, with the second place newspaper taking 640 points.

"It was quite an amazing feeling, waiting very anxiously for the results to be announced at the awards banquet," said Victoria Middleton, Pacer managing editor. "We were hoping to take home the Sequoyah but we were just not sure."

The Pacer serves Newcastle, Oklahoma and the surrounding area. In addition to the weekly newspaper, the operation produces the weekly Early Bird Shopper.

Newcastle is located in the far southwest corner of the Oklahoma City metropolitan area.

The community is in the northernmost area of the Chickasaw Nation.

WEDDING



Mr. and Mrs. Bailey Walker

Walker-Childress wed March 13

Michelle Dawn Childress and Bailey Don Walker were united in marriage during a March 13 ceremony at the Ada Arts & Heritage Center. Officiating was Zach Christian.

The bride is the daughter of S.L. and Shirley Roberson, of Ada.

She is the granddaughter of Robert (Bob) Frazier, Bernice Howard, Elmer Roberson, Jack Crews and the late Ruth Crews.

Mrs. Walker is a graduate of Latta High School and is a student at East Central University majoring in education.

She is currently employed by Pontotoc Production Company.

The groom is the son of Ruby Long, of Ada.

He is the grandson of late Adam C. and Viola Walker.

Mr. Walker is a graduate of Byng High School. He is currently employed as a financial associate with the Chickasaw Nation Division of Commerce.

Linda Wade served as Maid of Honor, and Savannah Childress was the flower girl.

Billy Long served as Best Man, and the ring bearer was Tyler Walker.

Music was provided by John Kimbrel, piano; Tracey Flowers, guitar; and Mindy Vandergrif, soloist.

A reception was hosted at the Ada Arts & Heritage Center.

The couple honeymooned in New York, then spent three days in Arkansas with their children.

The couple will make their home west of Ada.



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Chickasaw Medal of Honor recipient honored by Arbuckle Historical Society



Chickasaw Nation Color Guard members Rufus Eyachabbe, Bernie Seeley, Ted Underwood, and Joe Don with Cynthia Pereira and Johnece Firestone, daughters of Lt. Col. Raymond Harvey. Lt. Col. Harvey, a Medal of Honor recipient was posthumously honored during a March 27 ceremony in Sulphur, Okla.

A Chickasaw man was posthumously honored as a true American hero Chickasaw warrior during a March ceremony in Sulphur, Okla.

The event, sponsored by the Arbuckle Historical Society of Murray County, honored Lt. Colonel Raymond Harvey, the sole Chickasaw Medal of Honor recipient. Lt. Col. Harvey lived in Sulphur with his parents in the 1920s and 1930s.

The event was March 27 at the American Legion in Sulphur.

The Chickasaw Nation Color Guard and several speakers were on hand for the event.

Tishomingo District tribal

legislator Scott Colbert, State Rep. Wes Hilliard (D-Sulphur) and Paula Crawford, Sulphur Public Schools superintendent spoke to the gathering.

"This is not a ceremony, it's a celebration," said Col. Ron Little (USA ret.), who served as emcee for the event.

Harvey's daughters, Cynthia Pereira and Johnece Firestone, were honored guests at the event, which drew an audience of about 75 people.

Pereira spoke for the family.

"This is a very emotional time for us, because I think this honor would mean more to my dad than anything," she said.

Pereira described her father as a private and a humble person who never flaunted his service.

"I cannot express to you how much this means to us."

A plaque honoring Lt. Col. Harvey was unveiled by Judge Stuart Namm and his wife, Nancy (Parmenter) Namm. The New York couple initiated the research into Lt. Col. Harvey's life while working on a documentary on Company C of the Infantry Regiment (Lt. Col. Harvey's unit).

The plaque will be on display at the Arbuckle Historical Society Museum, 402 W. Muskogee Street, in Sulphur.

Rep. Hilliard read a citation from the Oklahoma House of Representatives and Senate. The President's Citation presented to Lt. Col. Harvey was read by Roy Roundtree, veteran and son of a Korean War vet, who was killed in action.

Korean Veterans and Members of the American Legion Post #18 were honored guests at the celebration.

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Honoring Lt. Col. Harvey's Korean War heroism

President Harry Truman awarded Lt. Col. Raymond Harvey the Congressional Medal of Honor for his heroic actions during the Korean War.

The Medal of Honor is the highest military decoration awarded by the United States government.

During his long and distinguished career in the Army, Lt. Col. Harvey was also awarded a Distinguished Service Cross, second only to the Medal of Honor. He also received two Silver Stars, two Bronze stars and two Purple Hearts, as well as a long list of other honors awarded during his illustrious military career.

Lt. Col. Harvey was born in Ford City, Pennsylvania March 1, 1920.

His mother, Frannie Thomas Harvey, was born in the Chickasaw Nation near Nebo in 1889.

The family relocated to Lt. Col. Harvey's mother's hometown of Sulphur in 1924.

He attended school in Sulphur through the 11th grade and graduated from high school in Oklahoma City in 1939.

He enlisted in the Army after high school graduation and earned the Distinguished Service Cross in the European Theatre of Operations. He was discharged in 1945. He joined the Army Reserve in 1947 and was recalled to active duty in 1948.

Lt. Col. Harvey was awarded the Medal of Honor following his actions in combat in 1950 during the Korean War.

He held the rank of captain at the time and was ordered to assault a strategic hill. The enemy was dug in on the hill in a number of "pillboxes" and other machine gun emplacements.

Capt. Harvey led his unit up the hill and, despite heavy enemy machine gun fire, destroyed the first emplacement single-handedly. He moved on alone to the next pillbox and dispatched the enemy with grenades and carbine fire. Though wounded, he eliminated one more emplacement. He refused to leave the field for medical attention until he was certain the hill had been secured.

Lt. Col. Harvey retired from the military in 1962.

He also was part of a national tour that encouraged blood donations to the Red Cross war effort in the 1950s and served as a technical advisor for the film "Fixed Bayonets."

He lived in Arizona for much of his life following his retirement from the Army.

He worked as an investment banker and later for the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

He died in Arizona in 1996. He is buried in Arlington National Cemetery.

Stomp dances scheduled for Kullihoma

Everyone is invited to enjoy stomp dances this year at Kullihoma.

Stomp dances will begin at 8 p.m. and run through 2 a.m. on April 17, June 26, August 21 and October 23.

There is no charge for admission and guests are encouraged to bring their lawn chairs.

Kullihoma is located northeast of Ada. To get to Kul-

lihome, take State Highway 1 east from Ada for seven miles. Look for the Kullihoma sign on the right and go two miles east and one mile south.

For more information, contact the tribal Division of History and Culture Cultural Resources Department at (580) 332-8685.

Drugs and alcohol are prohibited at the stomp dances.

Burris family reunion set for June 20 in OKC

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The official event will be a buffet at the home of Margaret and Leonard Flansburg in northwest Oklahoma City, Sunday, May 24 beginning at noon.

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Chickasaw citizens become first-generation college students through TRiO educational programs

A trio of Chickasaw citizens who are students in the tribe's School to Work program recently traveled to the Oklahoma State Capitol to participate in TRiO Day.

TRiO Day honors students who participate in TRiO programs. TRiO helps first-generation college students overcome barriers to higher education.

Ardmore Higher Education Center students Todd Morgan, Misty Baus and Andrea Johns attended the February 25 program, which featured several dynamic speakers, including State Rep. Lisa Billy (R-Purcell), a Chickasaw.

"Her speech was inspirational, she told us to have a vision and go for it, and never give up," said Mrs. Johns.

Mrs. Johns said she applied Rep. Billy's message in her daily life.

A grandmother of four, Mrs. Johns will graduate in May with an associates degree in applied science. She plans to continue her education at East Central University or Southeastern Oklahoma State University, and earn a bachelor's degree in business administration. She will keep taking classes at the Ardmore Higher Education Center for the convenience.

She currently maintains a 3.62 grade point average.

In her on the job training, Mrs. Johns works at the Chickasaw Nation Health Clinic in Ardmore.

"It's a win-win situation for me and the Chickasaw Nation," she said.

After graduation, she hopes to continue working for the tribe.

"I would love to continue to work within the Chickasaw Nation, to give back."

Mrs. Johns, of Lone Grove, also plans

to be an inspirational speaker, sharing the message that you are never too old and the sky is the limit, to youth and young adults alike.

"When you have a goal in mind, there is nothing that can stop you," she said.

When Mrs. Johns applied for the School to Work program, she was working job after dead-end job, she said, such as construction work and answering telephones. She was also raising grandchildren, who range in age from two months to 14 years.

"They are the reason I am doing what I am doing," she said. "I have inspired them to get good grades. When they see what I can do they want to go immediately to college."

For now, she and her other classmates, including Misty Baus and Todd Morgan support each other and study together.

Mrs. Baus is currently working toward a nursing degree and works along side Johns at the Chickasaw Nation Health Clinic in Ardmore.

During her on-the-job training, she observes procedures that she studies in class.

She assists patients of all ages, from infants to elders.

A stay-at-home mom for a dozen years, the Lone Grove native recently decided to return to school.

"It was hard to go back," she said. "It was very nerve-racking. At times I didn't know if I could do it."

Now, she is also setting a good example for her children, ages 12, 13 and 16.

"They see how hard I work and that you just don't give up," she said. "You just don't."

Todd Morgan is also working to set

a good example for his four-year-old daughter, Samara.

"I went back to school to better myself and my family," Mr. Morgan said.

Prior to his acceptance in the School to Work program, Mr. Morgan, of Ardmore, worked in the tribe's maintenance department and had his own lawn service.

He is now working toward a degree as a physical therapy assistant with plans to finish his degree at the University of Oklahoma.

He works in Physical Therapy at the Ardmore Wellness Center, where his hands-on training reinforces his classroom work.

"I love it really," he said.

Upon gradation, he hopes to continue working with the tribe.

All three students credit their family and co-workers for helping them succeed in work and school.

"Without the School to Work program, we would not be where we are today, it's a great opportunity," said Mrs. Baus.

Students in the program attend school full time and work when not in class. Students are paid for working 40-hours and have fringe benefits.

The Chickasaw Foundation has been operating TriO programs since 1995. The programs include Upward Bound,



Chickasaw Nation School to Work students, back row, Misty Baus and Todd Morgan. Bottom row, Andrea Johns, left, with State Rep. Lisa Billy (R-Purcell), a Chickasaw citizen, at the February 25 TRiO event, conducted at the Oklahoma State Capitol.

Upward Bound Math and Science and Educational Talent Search.

TRiO programs are federally-mandated, authorized by the Higher Education Act of 1965 to help Americans overcome class and social barriers to higher education. The program helps lower income, first-generation college students and students with disabilities to progress through the academic pipeline from middle school to post-baccalaureate programs.

TRiO Day provides an opportunity to spotlight TRiO and educate Oklahoma state officials, media and others regarding the importance TRiO programs have on the state of Oklahoma. There are currently 85 TRiO programs in Oklahoma, serving 26,491 students. Nationally, there are 2,853 TRiO programs serving 841,716 individuals.

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Tribal Library grant for online card catalog, workshops

The Chickasaw Nation Tribal Library recently received a Native American Library Services grant from the federal Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS).

The grant will allow the Chickasaw Nation Department of Libraries, Archives and Collections to develop a new online card catalog and continue community programming, including genealogy workshops and storytelling.

"We are honored and excited to receive the IMLS grant awards and are looking forward to funding opportunities like the children's summer program with a portion of the proceeds this year," said Michelle Cooke, director

of Libraries, Archives & Collections.

IMLS Director Dr. Anne-Imelda M. Radice said the Native American Library Services Grants offer libraries in Native American and Alaskan communities the opportunity to strengthen essential library services and develop new programs.

"As repositories of history, and a place to learn and interact, libraries play an important role in all communities," said Dr. Radice.

The Native America-specific grant programs offered by the IMLS provide the opportunity for improvement among an important, but often underserved, part of the nation's community

of library users.

IMLS awarded the Chickasaw Nation Tribal Library with a Basic Grant and a Basic Grant with Education/Assessment Option.

Basic grants help support core library operations such as buying library materials, funding salaries, training, and providing Internet connectivity and computers.

The Education/Assessment Option is supplemental to the Basic Grant. Its purpose focuses on providing training and education for library staff and to hire a consultant for an on-site library assessment.

The Institute of Museum and Library

Services is the primary source of federal support for the nation's 122,000 libraries and 17,500 museums. Its mission is to create strong libraries and museums that connect people to information and ideas. To learn more about the Institute, please visit www.imls.gov.

Located at 1003 Chamber Loop in Ada, the Chickasaw Nation Tribal Library holds more than 2000 American Indian books, audio/video collections, genealogy collections and periodicals.

Library hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. For more information, call (580) 310-6488.

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OKC Community Council learns of time capsule to be located at Cultural Center

The March meeting of the OKC Council included great information from the Division of History & Culture.

Amanda Hudson told us about the Division and how they can assist anyone with his or her family history. She also talked about the photo archives they are currently doing.

Janet Reubin spoke about the time capsule that is being constructed at the Chickasaw Cultural Center and gathered some items from the audience

to place into the capsule. Everyone enjoyed their presentation.

The April 7 Council meeting will be a very important meeting particularly to area families with children between the ages of eight and 18. These families are urged to attend the meeting and hear about the camps offered by the Division of Youth & Family Services. Our speaker will be Bryan Lyon, Assistant Director of Youth & Family Services.

This will be the time to get all the information, including applications, for the many camps offered. Please plan to attend and bring your children for this important meeting.

Everyone is invited to come at 6 p.m. and bring a side dish or dessert to go with Easter ham. The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. Our meetings are at the OKC Area Office located at 4005 NW Expressway, 6th floor in Oklahoma City.

We will see you there!!!



From left, Amanda Hudson, Senior Archives Manager; Marissa Moore, Photo Archives Manager; and Janet Reubin, far right, Program Developer, all with the Division of History & Culture, with OKC Council Board member Jim Kinney during the March Council Meeting.

Marshall Council hears from Lighthouse officer

Texoma Area Chickasaws met Thursday, Feb. 26 at the Marshall County Chickasaw Community Center one mile south of the Blackland Farm Road and State Highway 32 intersection.

The group shared finger foods and ideas for future gatherings. Several programs available to Chickasaws were presented.

The highlight of the evening was Dusk Monetathchi, the

first Chickasaw hired by the tribe to be a Lighthouse Policeman. Dusk shared some of his experiences as a member of the Chickasaw Lighthouse Police, qualifications to become a Lighthouse Policeman, history of the Lighthouse Police and more.

The group meets monthly on the fourth Thursday at 6:30 p.m. There will be a meal to be shared at each meeting. The main dish is provided so please

come and bring a side dish or dessert and enjoy the fun!

For the April 23 meeting a fashion show is planned, as well as a presentation of the recent NICOA Event.

Everyone living in the Texoma area is invited and participation from all ages is welcome. Please call Karyn Cox at (580) 564-2762 if you have any questions.

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Stomp Dance

April 17, (580) 332-8685

Fluent Speaker Day

April 17, (580) 332-8685

Chickasaw Princess Information Fair

April 17, (580) 310-6620

Children's Fair

April 25, (580) 436-3980

CONNERVILLE

Connerville Area Chickasaw Community Council

2nd Monday at 6:30 p.m.

Tony Poe, 580-421-4994

EMET

Kite Flying

April 17-18, April 24-25, (580) 332-8685

KINGSTON

Marshall County Chickasaw Community Council

2nd Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.

Patricia Bostick, (580) 564-3607

KULLIHOMA

Elders Day

May 8, (580) 332-8685

NEWCASTLE

Northern Pontotoc Chickasaw Community Council

2nd Thursday at 6:00 p.m.

Todd Griffith, 405-615-1303

OKLAHOMA CITY

OKC Metro Chickasaw Community Council

1st Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.

Linda O'Hagan, 405-350-3311

PURCELL

Purcell Chickasaw Community Council

4th Tuesday at 6:00 p.m.

Betty Kemp, 405-364-0355

SULPHUR

Rabies Clinic

May 14, (580) 622-2888

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Johnston County Chickasaw Community Council

3rd Monday at 6:30 p.m.

Ann Fink, 580-371-3351

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Lynn M. Dorrough, 909-213-7273

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Quarterly Meetings

Stephen Bingham, 303-377-4637

KANSAS

Chickasaw Community Council of Wichita

3rd Sunday at 3:00 p.m.

Lynn Stumblingbear, 316-945-9219 or Pam Harjo, 316-393-0696

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New Mexico Chickasaw Community Council

Quarterly Meetings

Chris Rodke, 505-450-4802 or Vadare Cornelison, 505-332-1776

TEXAS

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San Antonio, TX Area

Michele Moody, 210-492-2288

Chickasaw Community Council of Central Texas

Austin, Texas Area

2nd Sunday at 1:30 p.m.

Gene Thompson, 512-258-7919

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Dallas/Fort Worth Area, TX

3rd Saturday at 2:00 p.m.

Stan Farmer, (682) 234-4910



From left, James Green, Kent Rowe with the Phraselator, Joyce Barnes and Howard Barnes.

Phraselator offers Chickasaw responses to spoken English

The first in a series of Chickasaw language lessons was presented March 15 at the regular meeting of the Chickasaw Community Council of Wichita, Kan. Council member Dr. Kent Rowe explained the workings of the Chickasaw Nation's new Phraselator, and passed it around for a hands-on inspection.

The Phraselator is programmed to respond in Chickasaw to phrases spoken into it in English. Eight members of the Council took part in the training.

The Phraselator was placed with the tribe following a day-long training session on Saturday, March 7, at the Holiday Inn and Suites in downtown Wichita. The training was conducted by three representatives of the Nation: Joshua D. Hinson, director of the /department of Chickasaw Studies; Cedric Sunray, Language Program Manager, and JoAnn Ellis, Language Specialist. In addition to introducing the Phraselator, they conducted training on elements of the Chickasaw lan-

guage.

Lynn Stumblingbear, Council chair, called on those who attended the training session to give their impressions of the exercise. The Council members were enthusiastic about the experience.

The Wichita Council decided to incorporate a language lesson into each monthly meeting, taught by one of the members who attended the training session. The next meeting of the Council will be at 3 p.m. Sunday, April 19, at the Mid-America All-Indian Center. The language lesson will be to learn five new Chickasaw words.

The Wichita Council has been invited to showcase Chickasaw culture, history and other aspects at a four-part seminar with the Mid-America All-Indian Center at 7 to 9 p.m. on May 13, May 27, June 10 and June 24. The seminar is free and members of the Chickasaw Council will be recognized.

Several newcomers were among the 22 who attended the meeting.

Tribal drug court program helping first-time offenders discover new paths to recovery, service

Celebrating its three-year anniversary, the Chickasaw Nation Drug Court Support Services has now helped over 130 Chickasaw citizens improve their quality of life. Forty-eight Chickasaws have now completed the two-year requirements of drug court program.

"I have seen this program change the lives of many of the participants," said Wanda Welch, Drug Court Services program manager.

Welch said many who completed their requirements have continued on to become successful well after their time in the program.

Drug court probation can be granted as an alternative to jail time to first-time offenders for drug-related offences. This is a one-time opportunity. If drug court probation requirements are not fully completed, an offender will be sent to jail under their original sentencing terms.

"This program is designed to help the drug court participants as well as their whole family through counseling, helping provide a stable environment for their children, and services to foster the development of the drug court

participant," Mrs. Welch said.

The Drug Court Support Services program focuses on helping participants obtain employment, housing, education, transportation, proper identification cards and counseling for drug/alcohol and mental health.

"I think anyone who successfully completes drug court has done a marvelous job," Mrs. Welch said. "It is a full-time job including numerous counseling sessions, full-time employment, random drug testing, monitoring by a compliance officer. And it is expensive, all combined with taking care of a family which many participants have."

The program provides case managers who work with participants to help them complete their probation requirements, counseling through White Bison Alcohol Anonymous treatment program, and transportation through a vehicle service.

Additional support is provided by utilizing services already offered in the Chickasaw Nation like the School to Work program, career development services, housing assistance for rent, gas, electric, and water, food assistance

programs, and counseling through the Office of Youth and Family Services.

During its three years, the program has provided 9,100 rides to participants to everything from counseling meetings and court appointments to grocery shopping. The White Bison AA program, established two years ago and open to the public, has served over 4,100, including some repeat participants. More than 1,750 of those participants have been Chickasaw citizens.

The Drug Court Support Services program was created by Governor Anoatubby through an initiative program, funded exclusively by the Chickasaw Nation, for Chickasaw citizens and families. The program is offered to Chickasaw citizens in eight counties within the Chickasaw boundaries.

For more information on available services or for enrollment in the Drug Court Support Services program, contact Wanda Welch at the Chickasaw Nation Drug Court Support Services (580) 272-5567.

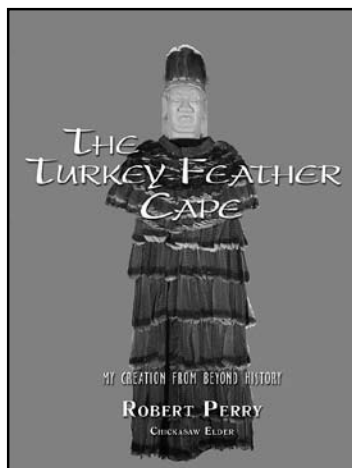
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February 2009 Outstanding Achievement Award recipients

Hudson Beard

Hudson, son of Russell Creighton Beard and Jane Ann Varner Beard, of Abilene, Texas, is a February 2009 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award Overall.

Hudson is a junior at Abilene High School and was nominated by school counselor Kren Willis.

"Hudson is an outstanding young man that shows natural leadership skills," said Ms. Willis. "He excels academically and through his extracurricular activities as well."

Hudson enjoys football, choir, theatre and band. He is also a member of the National Honor Society, Academic "A" team, *Who's Who in American High Schools*, Eagle Scouts and the Hillcrest Church of Christ youth group.

"I hope to attend college and major in pre-med or engineering," said Hudson.

Patricia Cornish

Patricia, daughter of Wayne and Martha Stonecipher, of Ada, Okla., is a February 2009 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award in Music.

Patricia is a senior at Latta High School and was nominated by music teacher Deborah Allen.

"Having been Patricia's music teacher for 11 years, I have observed her to be a considerate and helpful student," said Ms. Allen. "She is a dedicated, hard worker who I gladly recommend for this honor."

Patricia enjoys reading and cooking. She is a member of the Chikashsha Apihchi Ikbi program, National Honor Society, DECA and Latta Young Democrats.

"After high school, I plan to attend Oklahoma City University and study business," said Patricia.



Hudson Beard

Stephen Frizell

Stephen, son of Lloyd and Jennifer Frizell, of Purcell, Okla., is a February 2009 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award in Athletics.

Stephen is a senior at Purcell High School and was nominated by assistant principal Andy Gower.

"Stephen is an outstanding young man," said Mr. Gower. "It is very gratifying to see good things happen to people who never give up."

Stephen enjoys playing football and fishing. He has received the Heart of Oklahoma Player of the Week award and placed first in a scholastic meet.

"My future plans are to play college football and major in radiology," said Stephen.

Michaela Hazlett

Michaela, daughter of Tom and Kymberly Hazlett, of Purcell, Okla., is a February 2009 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award in Athletics.

Michaela is a freshman at Purcell High School and was nominated by softball coach and teacher Jamie McCoy.

"Michaela is a tremendous student-athlete and a good role model for her peers," said Ms. McCoy. "I thoroughly enjoyed having Michaela on the softball team this year."

Michaela enjoys reading, fast-pitch and slow-pitch softball, basketball and track. Her honors this softball season included Sooner All-Conference Selection, All Star and Sooner Conference Newcomer of the Year.

"I plan to go to a Big XII school and play softball," said Michaela. "In the future I really want to participate in the Olympics. It has always been one of my dreams to go to the Olympics."



Stephen Frizell



Michaela Hazlett

Nakoma Hazlett

Nakoma, daughter of Tom and Kymberly Hazlett, of Purcell, Okla., is a February 2009 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award Overall.

Nakoma is in the seventh grade at Purcell Junior High and was nominated by algebra teacher Krysta Matthews.

"Nakoma is one of my advanced pre-algebra students," said Ms. Matthews. "Not only is Nakoma a bright young lady academically, she is an extremely hard worker."

Nakoma is a member of the Chickasaw Honor Club, Superintendent's Honor Roll and the Principal's Honor Roll. She enjoys playing basketball, softball and soccer as well as running track. Nakoma is also a cheerleader and participates in tap, ballet, hip-hop, jazz and modern dance.

"My goals are to enter the entertainment industry and maybe work in interior design," said Nakoma.

Kendra Pierce

Kendra, daughter of Mitch and Karla Pierce, of Oklahoma City, is a February 2009 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award in Athletics.

Kendra is a sophomore at Westmoore High School and was nominated by history teacher and softball coach Steve Schwarz.

"Kendra is one of the best young softball players I have had," said Mr. Schwarz. "She is a very talented young lady."

Kendra enjoys playing softball. She is a member of the National Honor Society and tutoring program that tutors fourth through eighth grade students.

"I have planned since I was five years old to be a doctor," said Kendra. "Oncol-



Nakoma Hazlett



Kendra Pierce

ogy interests me."

Kelsie Sweat

Kelsie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Don Sweat, of Madill, Okla., is a February 2009 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award in Athletics.

Kelsie is a senior at Madill High School and was nominated by the varsity boys and assistant girl's basketball coach Aaron George.

"Kelsie possesses leadership and sportsmanship and has a passion for the game of basketball," said Mr. George.

Kelsie is a member of the basketball team, the National Honor Society, Beta Club, Gifted and Talented and the Principal's Leadership Club. She also participates in the Chikashsha Apihchi Ikbi Chickasaw Leadership program, the Native American Club, Fellowship of Christian Athletes and is the student council senior class president.

"After high school, I plan to attend college and become a dental hygienist," said Kelsie.

Jordan Zilem

Jordan, daughter of Kim Zilem, of Ada, Okla., is a February 2009 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award in Citizenship.

Jordan is in the sixth grade at Latta Elementary and was nominated by sixth grade teacher Sandi Lawrence.

"Jordan is a very sweet student," said Ms. Lawrence. "She is a friend to everyone and is so very helpful."

Jordan enjoys going to school, riding horses, swimming and playing basketball.

"When I grow up, I want to be a vet and take care of animals," said Jordan.



Kelsie Sweat



Jordan Zilem

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Summer scholarship and grant applications due June 15

Don't miss your opportunity to receive college funding!

The Chickasaw Nation Higher Education summer scholarship and grant application deadline is approaching. Completed applications are due to the Higher Education Department June 15, 2009.

The Chickasaw Nation Higher Education Department offers scholarships and grants for full-time and part-time undergraduate, graduate or doctoral Chickasaw students. The scholarships and grants assist students with funding for tuition, fees and books for those students pursuing a degree

from an accredited institution of higher education.

The scholarship and grant summer semester application deadline is June 15; the fall semester deadline is September 1 and the spring semester deadline is February 1. Students must submit completed applications by deadline indicated each semester to be considered. Only completed applications received by the Chickasaw Nation Higher Education department will be reviewed.

Scholarships and grants are available to all Chickasaw students living within or outside Chickasaw Nation boundar-

ies. Students must be Chickasaw and possess a Chickasaw citizenship card. Eligibility requirements vary depending on the type of scholarship or grant.

For more information and to obtain required scholarship and grant applications, contact the higher education department at (580) 421-7711, deborah.hook@chickasaw.net or www.chickasaweducation-services.com.

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Students earn honors at OKC, Dallas robotics competitions



Nathan Wright, left, and Matthew Wright compete against several teams in the quarterfinal match of the FIRST Robotics Regionals.

The Chickasaw Nation Metal Mayhem robotics team recently received two Imagery Awards during the Regional FIRST Robotics competitions February 26-28 in Oklahoma City and March 12-14 in Dallas.

The Imagery Awards are for outstanding creativity, robot construction, mascot appearance, team appearance and pit setup. Metal Mayhem also received honorable mention for the safety awards at both com-

petitions.

During competition in Oklahoma City, the team's competitiveness lead the students to the final rounds as one of the top 10 teams out of 50.

In the Dallas regional competition, Metal Mayhem reached the quarterfinals after competing against more than 50 teams from Texas, Oklahoma, Colorado, Kansas and Mexico.

"Metal Mayhem showed great competitiveness and team spirit during these competitions," Gov. Bill Anoatubby said. "It is great to see the students and mentors working together during such a challenging and educational experience."

Teams competed with robots constructed during a six-week build season prior to the competition. The object of the competition was to maneuver robots through a low-friction course. Points were accumulated by gathering orbital balls and shooting them into opponent trailers during a two-minute, 15-second time frame.

Metal Mayhem was formed through the national organization For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology (FIRST). The mission of FIRST is to inspire young people to be science and technology leaders by engaging them in exciting mentor-based programs. Through the FIRST Robotics program, students gain engineering and technology skills, inspire innovation and develop self-confidence,



Members of Metal Mayhem are congratulated by the judges after they won the Imagery Award for the FIRST Robotics Regionals in Dallas.

communication and leadership skills.

Metal Mayhem students include Bridgette Bell, Sulphur; Joseph Dirrim, Garrett Thompson and Nathaniel Enns, of Byng; John Luke Garber, Amber Huffman, Mari Hulbutta, Ishani Kuman, Kelli May, Erica Poe, Pierce Stevens, Adam Wheeler, Candace Williams, Matthew Wright and Nathan Wright, of Ada; Micah Gross, Roff; Destiny Hatton, Jessica Nail, Whitney Mowles and Bill Miller, of Vanoss; Ethan Priddy, Stratford; Phillip Vogt, Lashun Oakley and Jeremy Wingard, of Latta; and Raechelle Wilson, Kingston.

Mentors include Robbie Blair, Larry Cheatwood, Marilyn Coltz, Amber Fox, Mike Gross, Lori Hamilton, Robbie Hatton, Lisa John, Denver Kimberlin, Jim Lawson, Rhonda Medcalf, Josh Newby, Brian Rumburg, Louise Shields, Lisa Thompson, Stan Townsend, Margaret Wise-Talamasey and Sara West. Parent volunteers include Lisa Bell, Samantha Gross, Arliss Oakley and Stacy Oakley.

For more information about the Metal Mayhem team, contact the Chickasaw Nation Science, Technology and Math program manager Stan Townsend at (580) 421-7711.

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JOM Art contest winners

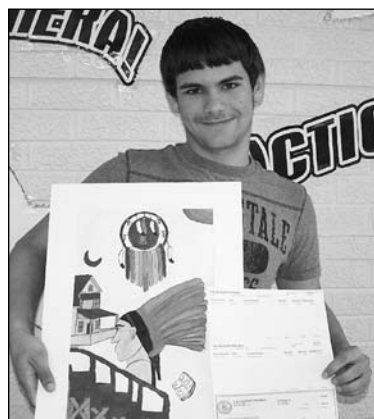
The Johnson O'Malley (JOM) Art Contest was recently conducted. The contest was open to JOM students in seventh through 12th grades within the Chickasaw Nation.

The art contest is conducted in conjunction with the Oklahoma State Johnson O'Malley Conference. First place received \$100, second place \$75, third place \$50, fourth place \$25, fifth place \$15 and sixth place

\$10.

Winners are: first place, Jonathan Akins, of Lindsay; second place, Morgan Blackwood, of Blanchard; third place, Dashana Ryans, of Lindsay; fourth place, Lauren Randolph, of Blanchard; fifth place, Conner Thomas, of Blanchard; and sixth place, Victoria Miller, of Ravia.

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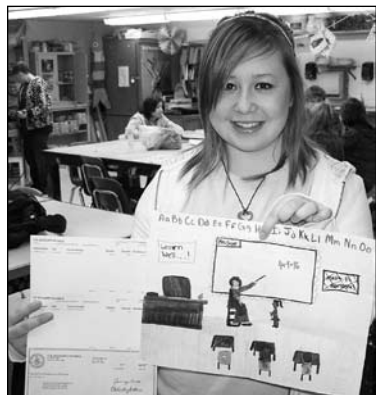
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Youth Leadership students learn business etiquette, professional dress

Table manners, cell phone use and appropriate dress were just a few of the topics explored by members of Chikashsha Apihchi Ikbi (Youth Leadership Chickasaw) during the group's March session, conducted March 14 in Ada.

The day was spent learning a few unwritten rules of society to better equip the students for any situation,

"It's essential to learn professional etiquette, because you never know when you may need it," said youth leadership coordinator Tonya Bierce. "We gave the students knowledge so it can be practiced and they will feel confident and poised in any situation."

Both Devin Lyon, of Latta, and Morgan Hennigan, of Pauls Valley, said they learned new facts about the "do's and don't's" of professional manners, especially cellular telephone etiquette.

"Don't be fake on the phone, be nice, don't take phone calls during a meeting, or if you have to take an emergency call, step out of the room," Devin said.

Also when engaging in an in-person conversation with someone, Morgan said, don't allow a phone call interrupt.

A lesson on proper handshaking techniques was also presented, and the session on business etiquette included a lesson on fork placement, place settings and proper dress.

The day wrapped up with lunch and several interactive activities.

The Chikashsha Apihchi Ikbi program equips students with the tools, skills and knowledge to become tomorrow's tribal leaders, and also stresses the im-



Chikashsha Apihchi Ikbi members Devin Lyon, left, and Morgan Hennigan practice proper handshake technique they learned during the March Leadership session.

portance of community service. The next session is scheduled April 11 in Ada. The topic is leadership and relations training.

Since the program began, students have studied tribal government, leadership qualities, personal finance, abstinence, and Chickasaw culture. The group has also participated in community service projects, such as making cards for elders and hanging Christmas lights.

For more information about the Chikashsha Apihchi Ikbi program, contact Tonya Bierce, youth leadership coordinator at (580) 310-6620.

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Chikashsha Apihchi Ikbi program coordinator Tonya Bierce, standing, instructs Marlee Erwin on proper dining etiquette during the March session.

Softball tourney set for May

Teams are now forming for a 14-and-under fast pitch softball tournament, hosted by members of the Chikashsha Apihchi Ikbi program.

The event is set for late May, 2009.

For more information, contact Kevin Tiger, youth specialist, at 580-399-6231 or 580-222-2802.

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Mark your calendars for 2009 summer camps, academies

The Chickasaw Nation is gearing up for an exciting summer of camps and academies. Each year the youth and family, culture and education division focuses on providing educational activities for youth to explore new opportunities.

Many camps and academies have application deadlines approaching, including the following:

Entrepreneurial Academy, June 1 - 5

Application deadline April 15

Southeastern Oklahoma State University, Durant, Oklahoma

In partnership with Southeastern Oklahoma State University's John Massey School of Business and the Chickasaw Nation, this summer academy will teach students business plan techniques and provide the tools necessary to write future business plans. The weeklong academy is held on the campus of SOSU in Durant, Oklahoma, with the students staying at the Chickasaw Nation Children's Village in Kingston, Oklahoma. This academy is open to Chickasaw students grades 10 through 12 with preference given to senior graduates.

Space Academy and Advanced Space Academy, June 13-20

Application deadline April 15

Marshall Space Flight Center, Huntsville, Alabama

Chickasaw students ages 12 through 18 have the opportunity to train like astronauts in various simulators and the space shuttle. The Space Academy is for 12 to 14 year olds and the Advanced Space Academy is for 15 to 18 year olds. Students will simulate a Mission Control Center crew by monitoring and commanding missions, perform science experiments, participate in

SCUBA training and much more.

Chickasaw Nation Aviation and Space Academy (CNASA), June 22-26

Application deadline April 15

Ada, Oklahoma

The Chickasaw Nation Aviation and Space Academy (CNASA) is a learning program designed to encourage Chickasaw students interested in aviation, space, science or math to pursue careers and opportunities in these fields. CNASA is an action-packed week of flying in simulators and taking field trips. Each student will also get the opportunity to fly in a real plane. This academy is open to Chickasaw students ages 11 through 18.

Environmental Camp, July 6-10

Application deadline May 15

Camp Goddard, Davis Oklahoma

The environmental camp provides a high quality, outdoor educational experience for Chickasaw students in fifth through eighth grades. The five-day camp fulfills general science, life science, and earth or space science requirements for most grades. The camp utilizes the teaching tools and the dynamic ecology of the Arbuckle Mountains of south-central Oklahoma. Chickasaw youth hike trails while learning about the environment, plants, water resources, animals, rocks, fossils and Chickasaw culture.

For more information on the camps listed above and to obtain camp applications, call (580) 421-7711 or email jennifer.parks@chickasaw.net.

Camp Survivor, May 25-29

Application deadline April 13

YMCA Camp Classen, Davis, Okla.

Camp Survivor is designed to promote a healthy lifestyle through proper nutrition and exercise in a fun and positive camp atmosphere. Campers can expect to experience a variety of activities such as swimming, horseback riding, climbing wall, canoeing, fishing, hiking and stickball. There will be tribal councils, team building activities and competitions. The camp is open to youth ages nine to 13.

For more information about Camp Survivor, please contact Allen Elliott at (580) 310-9661.

Chickasaw Summer Arts Academy, July 20-31

Auditions April 4 and May 2

Taking place on the campus of East Central University in Ada, Okla., the academy provides Chickasaw and other youth, ages 8 to 19, the opportunity to work intensively with top arts professionals.

Students must attend an audition to be eligible for acceptance into the academy. This year, auditions will be conducted April 4 on the University of Central Oklahoma campus in Edmond and May 2 on East Central University's campus in Ada.

However, the students will not be eliminated based on these auditions.

Application packet deadline is May 4.

For interested youth who live out of state, there is a video/photo audition option available with prior approval from CSAA co-directors.

For more information on the audition process or on the academy, contact the Chickasaw Nation Division of Arts and Humanities at (580) 272-5520.

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Hayaka Unta campers enjoy outdoor experience, parent-child fun

More than two dozen colorful tents dotting the landscape of the Chickasaw Ranch were "home away from home" for 22 Chickasaw families during the first weekend in March at Camp Hayaka Unta.

The camp, conducted during three windy days, March 6-8, is a unique, tribally-sponsored camp that provides Chickasaw youth and their parents an opportunity to try new activities in an outdoor setting.

Hayaka Unta is Chickasaw for the expression "to stay in the wilderness."

This session marks the second time the camp has been conducted at the Chickasaw Ranch near Davis, Okla.

The laid-back, relaxed atmosphere of the camp is what most campers said they enjoyed, along with the opportunity to try new activities.

Fishing, fort building, Frisbee playing, making dream catchers, archery, target shooting, digging in the sand or just sitting around the fire, were just a few of the activities offered during the three-day camp.

Campers started the day Saturday with a fishing seminar, and first-time camper Logan Jarrett, eight, said he "learned more about fishing." He was able to practice his new knowledge during a fishing excursion to a pond on the property.

Logan, of Ada, attended camp with his mother, Joanna, and brother, Brady Jarrett.

Brady, 11, said he liked "sleeping in the tent and keeping the fire going," at

camp.

"We are having a good time," said the boys' mother.

Katie Palmer, of Oklahoma City, and her dad Joseph made a return trip to camp. Last winter, Katie was named overall best camper, and received a tent and camping gear. The pair brought her green tent and gear to camp and put it to use.

"She's been looking forward to this camp since December," said Mr. Palmer.

During this session, Katie was able to ride on a horse-drawn hay ride for the first time.

"It was fun," he said.

Many other firsts occurred for the young campers.

Drennan Jesse, four, tagged along with his dad, Ca-Te, and brother Sean, and caught his first fish, a perch.

Jeri Stafford and her nine-year-old son Matt drove from Wewoka to camp out.

"It's nice we have an opportunity to hang out with our kids and have fun," she said.

"These boys have played in this pile of wood the whole time," she said as she watched her son and others play.

"It's not just a pile of wood, mom," said Matt, who quickly corrected her, noting the creation was a fort.

Jason Morgan, of Ada, came to camp with his dad, Kenny.

Jason was named overall best camper and received a tent and camping gear.

Steve Smith brought his 10-year-old

son C.D., to camp.

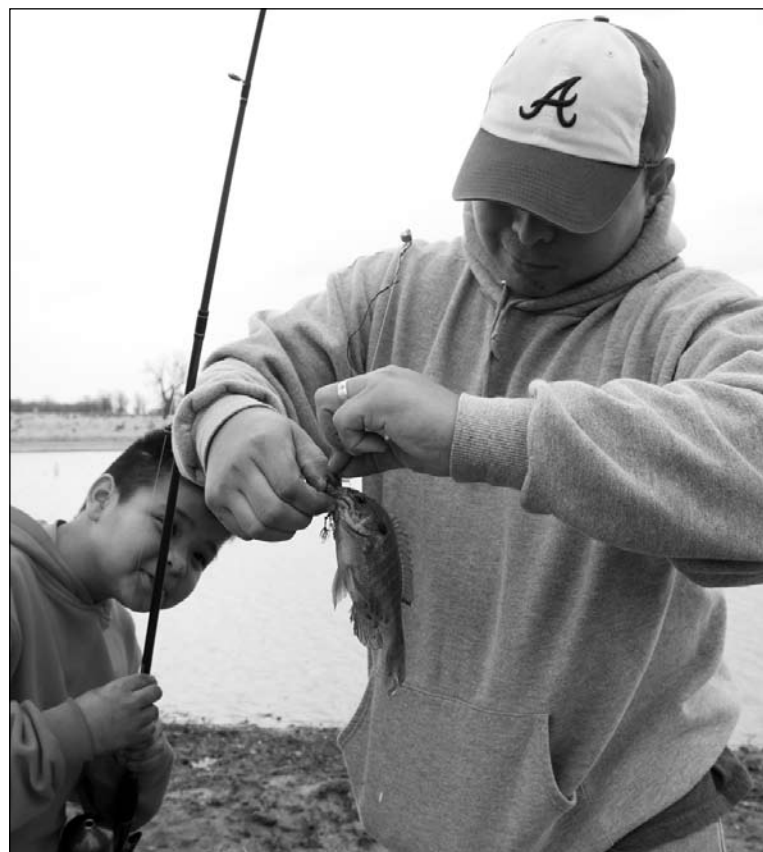
"He's having a good time," Mr. Smith said. "You get to watch the kids play and that is worth a bunch."

Once again this year, Glen Leming, of Sulphur, assisted at the camp and demonstrated bow making.

Christopher Smith, of Tishomingo, was selected of the recipient of the bow in a random drawing.

After dinner Saturday, campers were treated to some great campfire songs and cowboy ballads, led by Ranch Operations manager Gary Pratt, who is also a well-known cowboy singer and songwriter.

Hayaka Unta is offered in December and March at no charge to Chickasaw families. Proceeds from Chickasaw Nation businesses fund the camp.



Jason Morgan, left, gets his dad Kenny to help him unhook a fish from his line during Hayaka Unta. Jason, of Ada, was named the top camper at the event and was awarded a tent and camping gear. It was his first trip to the semi-annual camp.

Mike McKee

For more information, contact Chickasaw Nation Division of Youth and Family Services at (580) 310-6620, or log on to www.chickasaw.net.

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Hayaka Unta camper Logan Jarrett takes aim during an archery lesson.



Jennifer Wynne, left, and her daughter Karissa, make a dream catcher at Camp Hayaka Unta, conducted March 6-8 at the Chickasaw Ranch near Davis. The camp marked the first time the Blanchard family ever camped in a tent.

Young ladies invited to Princess Information Fair

The first-ever Chickasaw Nation Princess Information fair is scheduled from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m., Friday, April 17 at Ada Chickasaw Nation Community Center.

"This event will provide information and resources for young ladies interested in the princess program," said Toni Castleberry, Chickasaw Nation princess program coordinator.

Potential princess candidates and their parents and guardians will be able to find answers and discover more about the princess program.

Princess categories include:

Little Miss Chickasaw	ages seven-11
Jr. Miss Chickasaw	ages 12-16
Miss Chickasaw	ages 17-23

During the annual pageant, contestants are judged according to: essay, interview, traditional dress, poise, talent and random question. The information fair will provide a wealth of information about these categories and details on the princess program.

For more information, contact Toni Castleberry, princess program coordinator, at (580) 272-7710 or email toni.castleberry@chickasaw.net.

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Health System campus going 'tobacco-free;' cessation classes offered

On May 11, 2009, all Chickasaw Nation Health System (CNHS) campuses will become tobacco free in an effort to provide a healthy environment for you and your family.

"This innovative step marks another milestone in our mission, to enhance the overall quality of life of the Chickasaw people," said Gov. Bill Anoatubby. "We are excited about the progress our Health System has made over the past several years, and we are committed to providing the highest qual-

ity health care possible. This includes providing a healthy, smoke-free environment for our employees, patients and visitors."

As a health care organization, CNHS is committed not just to healing illness, but promoting wellness. By eliminating smoking areas, CNHS hopes to remove triggers that make smoking cessation difficult.

To assist in this transition, CNHS will offer tobacco cessation classes and a variety of

other tools to assist employees. Below is a brief list of resources available. For more information about tools available, call (580) 421-4591 or visit www.chickasaw.net for a full list of resources.

Tobacco Cessation Classes

Tobacco Cessation Classes are available free of charge. Below are established class dates.

April 20 - June 1

June 15 - July 27

August 10 - September 21

Tobacco Cessation Classes

offer basic information about tobacco, problem solving skills and social support.

Classes begin at 5:30 p.m. in the small conference room at Carl Albert Indian Health Facility. The sessions are every two weeks for two months. The class time is one hour.

For more information, contact Christie Byars, tobacco cessation facilitator, behavioral

health department at (580) 421-4591.

Oklahoma Quitline

The Oklahoma 1-800-QUIT-LINE is also available to anyone and offers one-on-one coaching, specialized materials and referrals to community resources.

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Children's Fair scheduled for April 25 at Agri-Plex

The 2009 Children's Fair will take place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, April 25, 2009 at the Pontotoc County Agri-Plex.

The event celebrates Week of the Young Child and Child Abuse Prevention Month. This year's theme for Week of the Young Child is Bring Communities Together for Children-Children Bring Communities Together.

The event is open to the public and everyone is encouraged

to participate.

This year's event will feature performances by several Chickasaw Nation groups as well as a fashion show, baby party, diaper dash and much more!

This year's Children's Fair is sponsored by the Chickasaw Nation.

For more information, contact Deanna Carpitche at (580) 421-4591.

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'Walk in the Park' to prevent sexual assault

The Chickasaw Nation Office of Violence Prevention is hosting a Sexual Assault Awareness Walk from 9 to 11 a.m. Sat. April 4, at Wintersmith Park, in Ada, Okla.

April is National Sexual Assault Awareness month. To help raise awareness, the Office of Violence Prevention is inviting everyone to come out and join in a group walk in the park.

The walk will include awareness booths set up for attendees to receive information on sexual assault programs and will include a keynote speaker giving a statistical presentation before the walk commences around Wintersmith Park.

National and State statistics show:

- Every two minutes someone in the U.S. is sexually assaulted.

- One in three Native American women suffers sex-

ual assault during their lifetime.

- 60% of sexual assaults are not reported to the police.

- Sexual assault programs in the state of Oklahoma served over 8,000 people in 2008.

- Oklahoma reported more than 1,500 rapes of adult women in 2008.

- Oklahoma reported more than 1000 children as victims of sexual assault in 2008.

For more information on the event or sexual assault programs contact the Chickasaw Nation Office of Violence Prevention (580) 272-5550. For additional programs statewide contact the Oklahoma Sexual Assault/Domestic Violence Hotline at 800-522-SAFE (7233).

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Diabetes Camp set for June 1-5

The Annual Chickasaw Nation Diabetes Camp will be June 1-5, 2009 at the Microtel Inn & Suites in Davis, Oklahoma.

The camp is designed to educate patients on preventative measures to help control blood sugar through proper dieting and physical activity.

The camp is free and open to patients of the Chickasaw Nation Health System. Participants are allowed to bring a guest or family member to the camp. All campers and guests must be over 12 years of age. The deadline for registration is May 2, 2009.

For more information or to register, contact Shon McCage at (800) 851-9136 ext 82252, (580) 421-4532 ext 82252 or shondra.mccage@chickasaw.net.

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Tip of the Month

By Anona McCullar

A daily ab flattener you can do anytime, anywhere! Tighten your abs and hold for 30-second increments. As your muscles gradually grow stronger, increase the time increments. This will help you maintain good posture (there's no way to tighten your abs when you're slouched over), flatten your tummy and tone all of your ab muscles.

Repeat this exercise in meetings, on conference calls and at stop lights. You'll build muscle memory, and keeping your abs tight will become a habit.

Tobacco Cessation Tips

To decrease stress as you quit:

- go for a walk
- read a book
- watch the sunset
- take deep breaths
- brush your teeth
- talk to a friend
- drink water
- exercise
- keep a journal

- garden
 - spend time in nature
- Focus on winning the battle.

As you prepare to quit:

- switch brands
- taper down
- use sugar-free hard candy and let it dissolve in your mouth
- chew gum, tooth picks or straws

Full-time positions open at Chickasaw Nation Health System

The Chickasaw Nation Health System has full-time, immediate openings within the tribal boundaries for qualified medical personnel in the following specialties:

- 2 Physical Therapists, Ada
- 1 Dentist, Ada
- 1 Internal Medicine Physician, Ada
- 1 Dentist, Tishomingo Clinic

For details on any of the professional positions listed above, please contact:

Ronnie Shaw, Professional Recruiter

Chickasaw Nation Health System

(580) 272-7272

ronnie.shaw@chickasaw.net

Beth Campbell, Staff Recruiter

Chickasaw Nation Health System

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Farmers' market fresh produce vouchers available for seniors, WIC participants

The Chickasaw Nation Farmers' Market Nutrition Program will begin on May 1, 2009.

The farmers' market program provides vouchers to be used for the purchase of Oklahoma grown fresh fruits and vegetables from authorized farmers' markets and farm stands throughout the Chickasaw Nation and surrounding areas.

All Chickasaw Nation Women, Infants and Children Supplemental Nutrition Program (WIC) participants are eligible for the program and will receive their farmers' market vouchers in local WIC offices during regularly scheduled pick up appointments.

Seniors are eligible for the program if they meet the following guidelines:

--Meet income requirements
--Receive services from the Chickasaw Nation Health System

--Native American 55 years of age or older and a CDIB card holder

--Non-Native American 60 years of age or older living in a Native American household

--Disabled persons under 60 years of age living in housing for elderly with congregate nutrition services

Disabled Chickasaw citizens are also eligible for the program (as determined by SSI).

Applications can be received by mail or picked up at WIC and Food Distribution Program sites in Ada, Ardmore, Purcell, Tishomingo, Sulphur, Pauls Valley, Duncan, Marlow or Achille. The application can also be found at www.chickasaw.net.

The Chickasaw Nation Farmers' Market vouchers for seniors will be issued according to an issuance calendar that will be distributed with all applications. The issuance calendar will list the date, time and location for voucher pick-up.

For more information, please contact Jennifer Hayes or Leah Delozier at (888) 436-7255 or (580) 436-7255.

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Get Fresh! healthy food preparation program sets classes for area cities

Ada Nutrition Services, 518 E. Arlington

April 7: 10 a.m. and noon

April 9: 10 a.m. and noon

April 21: 10 a.m. and noon

April 23: 10 a.m. and noon

May 5: 10 a.m. and noon

May 7: 10 a.m. and noon

May 12: 10 a.m. and noon

May 14: 10 a.m. and noon

For more information, call (580) 272-5506.

Ada Family Life/Wellness Center, 229 W. Seabrook

April 8: 10 a.m. and noon

April 22: 10 a.m. and noon

April 23: 6 p.m.

May 6: 10 a.m. and noon

May 13: 10 a.m. and noon

May 14: 6 p.m.

For more information, call (580) 272-5506.

Ardmore Nutrition Services, 2350 Chickasaw Blvd.

April 7: 10 a.m. and noon

April 8: 10 a.m. and noon

April 21: 10 a.m. and noon

April 22: 10 a.m. and noon

May 5: 10 a.m. and noon

May 6: 10 a.m. and noon

May 12: 10 a.m. and noon

May 13: 10 a.m. and noon

For more information, call (580) 226-8289.

Purcell Nutrition Services, 1530 Hardcastle Blvd.

April 7: 10 a.m., noon and 7 p.m.

April 21: 10 a.m., noon and 7 p.m.

April 24: 10 a.m. and noon

May 5: 10 a.m., noon and 7 p.m.

May 8: 10 a.m. and noon

May 12: 10 a.m., noon and 7 p.m.

May 15: 10 a.m. and noon

For more information, call (405) 527-6967.

These exciting cooking shows are free and open to the public and demonstrate healthy cooking for the entire family! Leave with recipes, nutrition education and new ideas to cook healthier every day!

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Chickasaw Nation WIC nutrition program seeks comments

The Chickasaw Nation is soliciting comments from individuals regarding the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC). Input is needed for development of the state plan of operation for the 2010 fiscal year. These comments must be received by April 30, 2009.

WIC is a federally-funded nutrition, education and supplemental food program for pregnant and breastfeeding women, as well as infants and children up to age five, who are determined to be at nutritional risk and whose income falls below 185 percent of the poverty level. The Chickasaw Nation WIC program currently serves

approximately 3,600 women, infants and children throughout the 13-county area.

Comments regarding the WIC program may be mailed to Melinda Newport, Nutrition Services Director, P.O. Box 1548, Ada, OK 74820, or phone (580) 436-7255 or toll free (888) 436-7255.

For more information about receiving WIC program services, call the nutrition services department at (580) 436-7255 or Debi Tipton at (580) 310-6420.

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Letter to Editor:

I am a Chickasaw citizen.

When my mom was trying to raise four children, and work at McAlester prison, when we were all young, childcare was a barrier that caused her to leave the place she loved to work. Her spouse chose to not help out with child care, and I am so glad about the Chickasaw parents and children, both single male parents and female parents, going it on their own, I am so happy to see the stability of decent daycare, that will enhance the parent and chil-

dren's lives and education.

This program is a true blessing on the future of the Chickasaw nation its future strength and health.

God bless everyone who promotes and supports this service for struggling parents even sometimes grandparents raising the children of the Chickasaw Nation and its employees. Nothing but health and wealth can come of this.

Sunday M. Weiss

Descendant of Chickasaw 962 and citizen

Oklahoma Helpline is 1-800-QUIT-NOW

The Oklahoma Tobacco Helpline is a free service funded by the Oklahoma Tobacco Settlement Endowment Trust, the Oklahoma State Department of Health and the United States Center for Disease Control and Prevention to aid Oklahomans who have a desire to stop smoking or using other tobacco products. The Helpline offers participants one-on-one coaching, specialized materials and referrals to community resources.

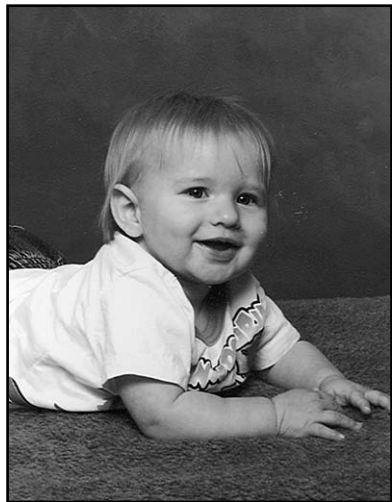


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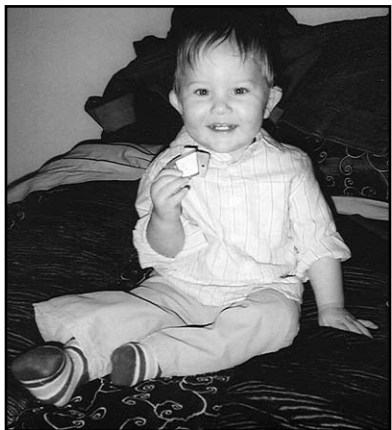
Christopher, Ashley, Dustin, Amanda, Mark and Jan



Christopher, Ashley, Dustin, Amanda, Mark, and Jan are the children and grandchildren of Sam and Rosa Vititow, of Oklahoma City.

I am very proud of all our children and grandchildren. They are our pride and joy.

Aidan Cash Harvey



Aidan Cash Harvey is the grandson of Marquita Embrey, of Ardmore, Okla.

He can call me Nana without being told to. I love him.

JaCylia, JoiceLinn and Joey, Jr. Johnson

JaCylia, Joicelinn and Joey, Jr., are the children of Josphe Sr., and Celia Johnson, of Duncan, Okla. They are the grandchildren of Terry Sr. and Cecile McGee, and Vial and Claudia Johnson.

They are precious gifts from God to all of us. We are so thankful for their little smiles, grace and personalities. They keep us motivated and overjoyed. Even though they can be little devils sometimes, they are always our beautiful angels.

They all have different characters. JaCylia loves art and makes up her own rhymes and themes. Joicelinn has a passion for fashion and loves to sing. Joey is so insane, but yet very calm and cool with his cars, trucks, tractors and trains. No matter what they become or decide to be we'll always love them the same. They are more than our pride and joy they are our lives. The love we have for them will forever pour on our souls like never ending rain.

Our Babies, Our Joy



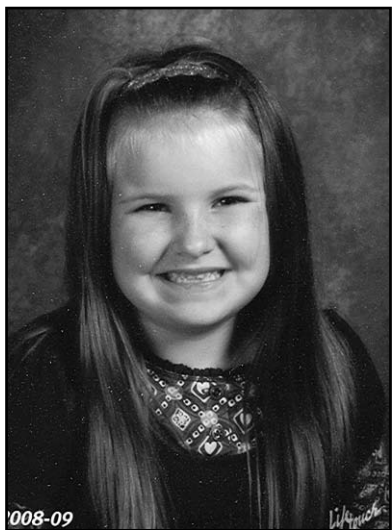
Tavares Culberson, Jr.

Tavares Culberson, Jr., is the great-grandson of Tia Juana John, of Ardmore, Okla.

He is one of my great-grandsons and I am very proud of him and I get to baby sit him.



Hailey Childress



Hailey Childress is the daughter of Melissa Childress, of Sapulpa, Okla., and the granddaughter of Barry and Vickie Gowdy.

She is our pride and joy because she makes us smile.

Price, Matthew and Jack Atteberry

Price, Matthew and Jack Atteberry are the sons of Robert and Dana Atteberry, of Kingwood, Texas. They are the grandsons of Nick and Jean Haddock, of Porter, Texas.

The Atteberry boys are our pride and joy because they are good citizens. They take part in sports and excel at basketball.

Price, 14, is in the eighth grade and has been an honor roll student throughout middle school.

Matthew, 10, is finishing the fifth grade this year and has been chosen for the honor roll studies at the middle school where he will attend in the Fall.

Jack, 7, is in the first grade. His report said he was in the top percent in his reading classes.

They have experienced health trauma because of their father being a heart patient and receiving a heart transplant. He is doing great - thank you - the boys.

We are proud of them and they bring us great joy!





Brittney Nicole Conway

Brittney Nicole Conway, 5, is the daughter of Jim and Linda Conway, of Frankfort, Ill. She is the granddaughter of Don and Peggy Prather, of Huffman, Texas, James and Bettie Conway, of Livingston, Texas, and Frank and Gloria Baumgartner, of Illinois.

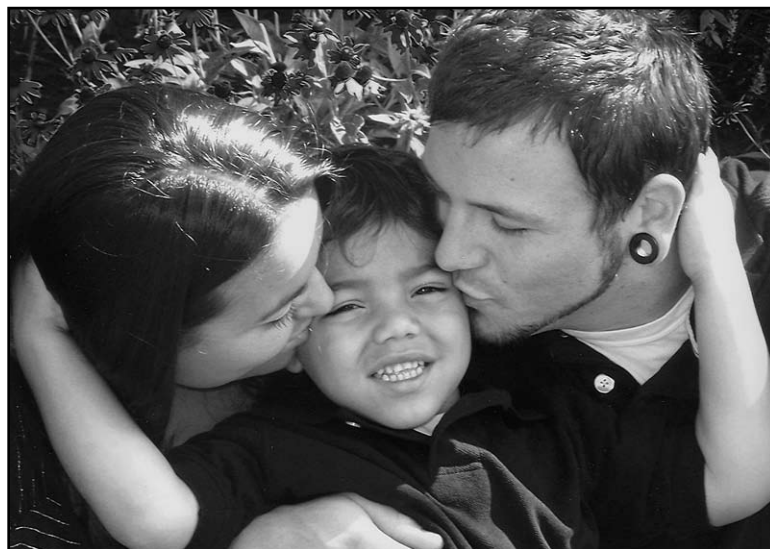
Brittney is my pride and joy because she is so very precious and the apple of our eyes, such a special granddaughter, of that there is no doubt, the kind that lucky grandparents are proud to boast about. You're always so very happy and

cute as a ladybug, you brighten up a room with the sunshine of your smile and all your love.

It is true to say you've often heard, "How dear you are", but then we just can't resist this special chance to tell you so again of how much you are loved and missed "Our little princess".

Lots of love,
Grandma Peggy and Uncle Don

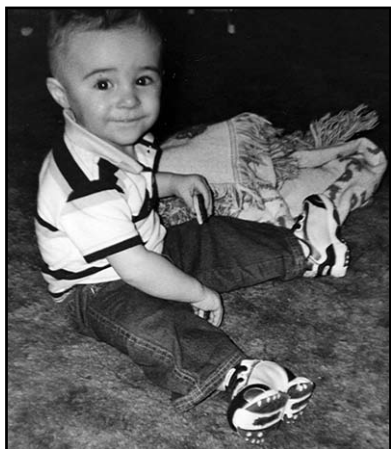
Cameron Marcel Parker



Cameron Marcel Parker is the son of Amanda and Jeremiah Wittner, of Ardmore, Okla.

Cameron is our pride and joy because he always puts a smile on our face. He knows when something is wrong and will always do what he can to try to make you feel better. He always wants to stand out in a crowd and definitely makes an impression on everyone he meets. He is everything we have ever wanted and more. Cameron is loveable, funny, smart and he loves us so much. He has so much in him that reminds me of his mother. Everyday he says he wants to be as great as me (his dad) and I love him so much for making me feel so special in his life.

Alexander Carl Hasley



Alexander Carl Hasley is the son of Carla and Jason Hasley, of Ada, Okla.

Alexander is the 33rd grandchild in our family. In my family we have 35 grandchildren and great-grandchildren. My husband had 15 children and I have 2 of my own, so we have many pride and joy in the family.

Kylee Ellen Cohoe



Kylee Ellen Cohoe is the daughter of Allen and Deidre Cohoe. She is the granddaughter of Evelyn Chaney and Marie Cohoe.

She is very bright and has a terrific sense of humor. Kylee is very outgoing and affectionate.

Cheyenne Rose Dowdy

Cheyenne Rose Dowdy is the daughter of Celia and Charles Dowdy, of Noble, Okla.

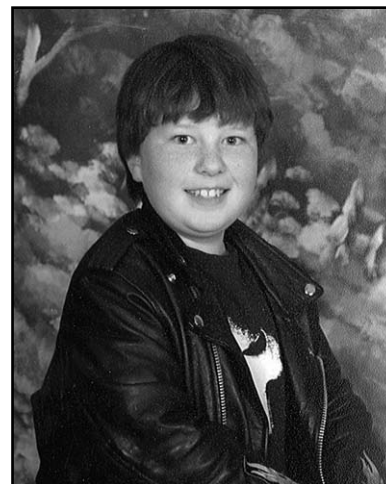
She is the granddaughter of Richard and Tammy (Underwood) Davis, of Norman, Okla., and Chuck Dowdy, of Oklahoma City and the great-granddaughter of Lillian and the late Andrew (Bud) Underwood. She is the niece of Cassidy Davis, of Norman, and Cathy Dowdy, of Noble.

She has one stepbrother, Darryl Dowdy, of Harrah, Okla. She is the great-niece of Valarie Underwood, of Mill Creek, Okla., Linda Underwood, of Reagan, Okla., Mary Wisdom, of Mill Creek, Dexter Underwood, of Millcreek, Daryl Underwood, of Reagan, Larry Wisdom, of Millcreek, and Mike Underwood of Millcreek.

We love her and the time we spend with her. Mommy and daddy love you.



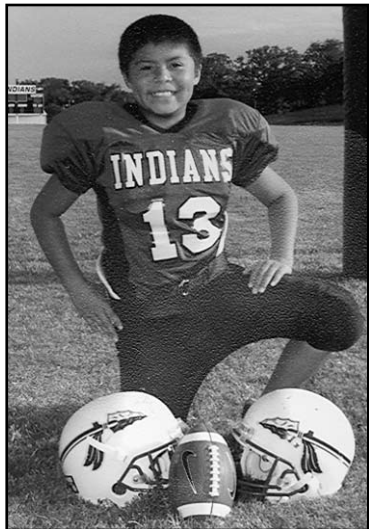
Carter W. Anderson



Carter W. Anderson is the son of Cindi Carter Anderson, of Oklahoma City. He is the grandson of Carroll Carter.

Carter is my pride and joy because he is such a wonderful person! He is fun, caring, and all all-around good kid. He is also a great student and loves to draw, sing, and play musical instruments.

Caleb, Rachel and Andrew Scott



Caleb Scott, 10, is the son of Bryce and Cindy Scott. He is the grandson of Chester and Ruby Scott.

Caleb we are so proud of all you have accomplished this year. Keep up the good work.

Love,
Dad, mom, Rachel
and Andrew



Rachel Scott, 5, is the daughter of Bryce and Cindy Scott. She is the granddaughter of Chester and Ruby Scott.

Rachel we are so proud of you! You are doing a great job at school. Keep that smile on your face.

We love you,
Dad, mom, Caleb
and Andrew

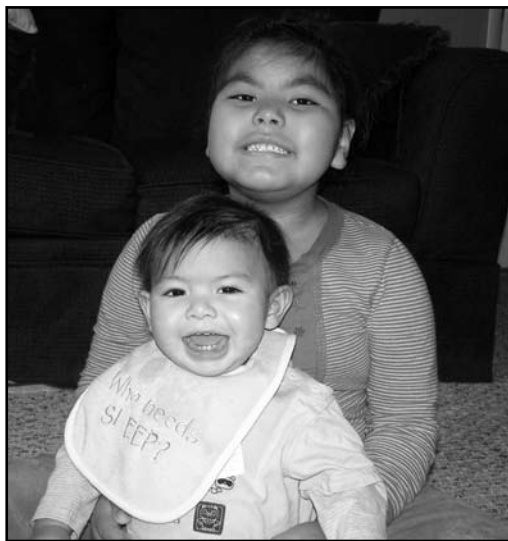


Andrew Scott, 2, is the son of Bryce and Cindy Scott. He is the grandson of Chester and Ruby Scott.

Andrew you are such a great blessing to our family.

Love you!
Dad, mom, Rachel
and Caleb

Danya and Jacoby Impson



Danya and Jacoby Impson are the pride and joy of their parents, John and Lisa Impson, of Ada, Okla. They are the grandchildren of Quanah and Sherry Nail, of Ada, and the late Gwen Impson. They are the great-grandchildren of Ben Nail, of Ada, the late Fern Nail, the late Joe and Ruth Frazier, Emma Fisher, of McAlester, Okla., the late Robert Fisher, and the late Thomas and Marie Willie.

Danya wants to be a princess when she "grows up" (when she turns 6), loves the color pink and singing to Hannah Montana.

Jacoby is always all smiles, loves going outside for walks in his stroller and playing with his big sister.

Creed Ryan and Cole Christopher Spalek



Creed Ryan and Cole Christopher Spalek are the sons of Amy (Willis) Spalek and Chris Spalek, of Corpus Christi, Texas. They are the grandsons of William and Lynda Willis, of Wellston, Okla.

They are so full of life and are so fun to be with. We love you guys and wish you a wonderful new year. Creed turned one Feb. 5 and Cole turned two January 31.

Happy birthday to our wonderful grandsons!
Mimi and Papa

Erica Hanna

Erica Hanna is the daughter of David and Linda Hanna and the granddaughter of Bill and Nyoka Clark, all of Broken Arrow, Okla.

Erica is currently in the fifth grade at Westwood Elementary School, Broken Bow. She loves to read, draw, garden and play with her two cats. She is learning her Chickasaw words, working on her Chickasaw genealogy, and reading about Chickasaw culture. She would like to attend college and share her knowledge with all Chickasaws and work for the Chickasaw Nation.

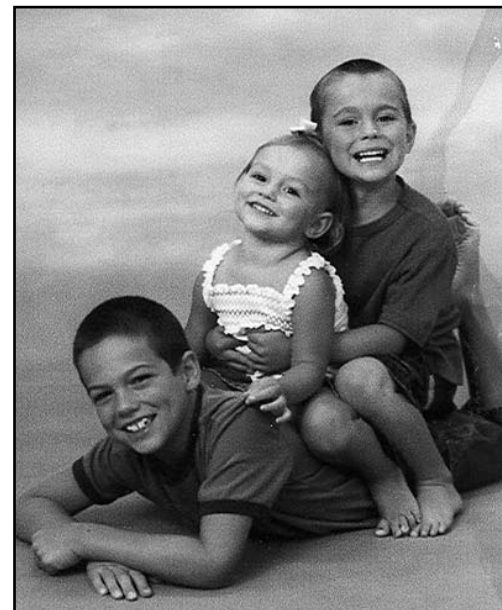


Sean, Blake and Skylar Idell

Sean, Blake and Skylar Idell are the children of Mike and Kim Idell, of Fort Worth. They are the grandchildren of George and Pam Idell and Ken and Billie Smith.

They are three caring and kind children. They are such joys and bring smiles to each of our faces. Sean is our serious skateboarder. Blake is our always entertaining comedian. Skylar of course is our little princess. We couldn't ask for three better children.

We love you!

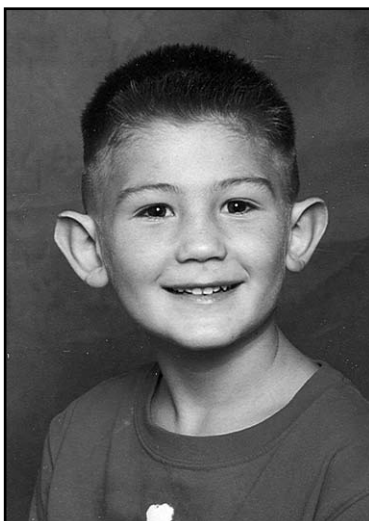


Nicolas and Michael Tatum and Amberly Burgess



Nicolas Tatum, 5, is the son of Shane and Shawna Tatum, of Ada, Okla.

Nicholas has blessed our lives in many ways. He makes us smile and he lights up our life with his laughter. Nicholas is our pride and joy and we love him very much!



Michael Tatum, 6, is the son of Shane and Shawna Tatum, of Ada, Okla.

He is a very thoughtful and loving child. Through the daily challenges of life he never fails to amaze us. Michael is our pride and joy and we love him very much!



Amberly Burgess, 9, is the daughter of Shane and Shawna Tatum, and Tyrone Burgess, all of Ada, Okla.

She is our pride and joy because of who she is. Amberly is a kind and respectful young lady. She's the kind of daughter that every parents dreams of having. She's a true inspiration and we love her very much!

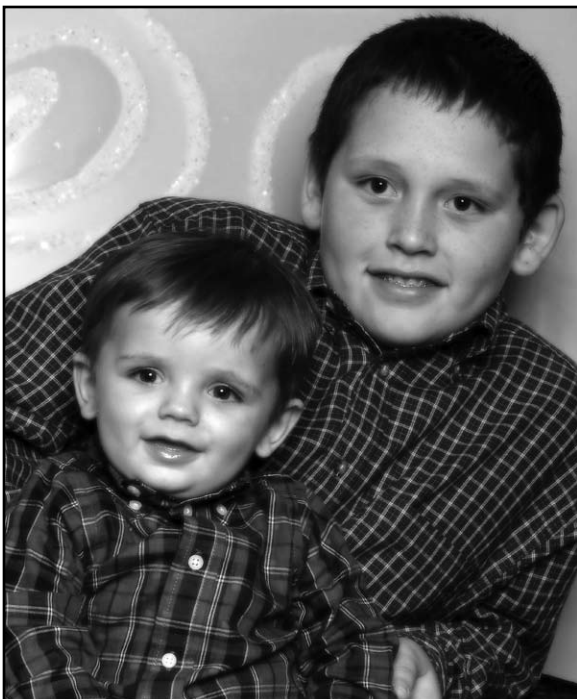
Preston Brown and Rowdy Parks

Preston Brown and Rowdy Parks are the sons of Randy and Jennifer Parks, of Ada, Okla. They are the grandsons of Herb and Julie Daras, of Ada, Kathy Prentice, of Allen, Okla., and Sue Parks, of Wilson, Okla. They are the great-grandsons of Gene and Lorene Prentice, of Allen.

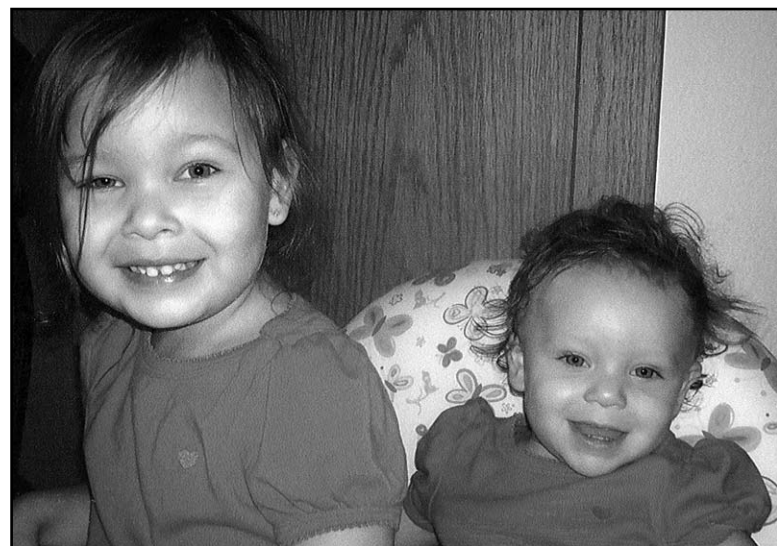
Preston is our pride and joy because he is such a wonderful, loving, and caring son and a fantastic big brother. We enjoy watching him play basketball and play with his little brother.

Rowdy is our pride and joy because he's such a joy to have in our lives and we love waiting to see what he'll learn next.

Preston and Rowdy are expecting a brother or sister in September.

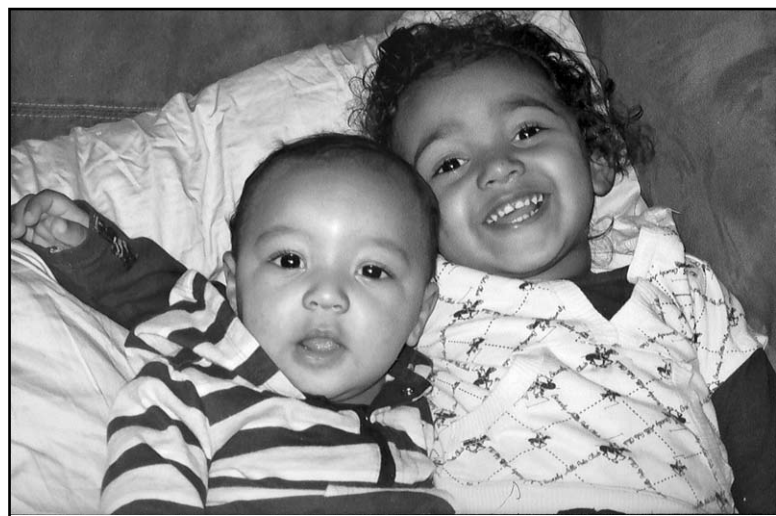


Kinley and Kiley Cozad



Kinley and Kiley Cozad are the daughters of Gary and Jenny Cozad. They are the granddaughters of Alice Cozad and Bobby Pell. There are the sweetest little girls ever! We love them so much.

Makaiya and Malachi



Makaiya, 5 ½ months, and Malachi, 2, are children of Rachel Redman.

These kids are my pride and joy because they mean everything to me. Being a single mom can get tough, but when I look into their eyes, everything around me disappears. Everything I do, I do for them, and there's nothing that I wouldn't do. I have always wanted to be a mom and now my life has more meaning than ever.

Makaiya and I can sit and laugh so hard and not even know what made us start laughing. Just listening to her talk and laugh eases any pain that I could ever feel. She is my heart, and I couldn't make it without her.

Malachi is the man in our lives and makes my little family complete. He is always so happy, and he loves playing with his big sister.

With these two kids what more could I need? I never knew how much love you could have for someone and somehow everyday I love them more. They are my strength, my happiness and my world.

Joseph Colbert



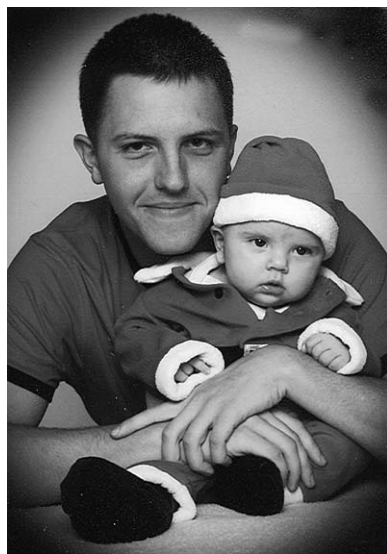
Joseph Colbert is the son of Jesse and Michele Colbert, of Porum, Okla.

Joey is a sweet and loving child. He is smart and outgoing and a joy to have. We love him very much.

Kaitlyn Kelly

Kaitlyn Kelly, 4, is the granddaughter of Den-ny Thurman, of Lindsay, Okla.

She is the joy of my life. Makes my day and keeps me young and happy and thankful to Jesus.

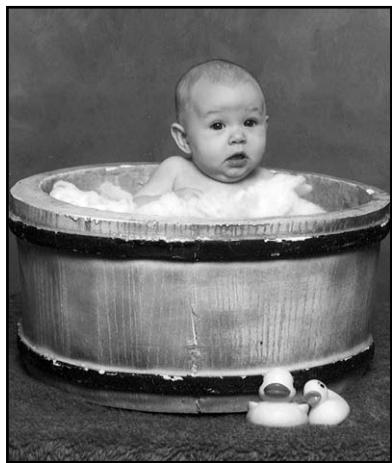


Ian Allen Harrington

Ian Allen Harrington is the son of Destini and Dalton Harrington.

Ian is our pride and joy because he smiles and laughs. He is a happy baby. His daddy is enlisted in the U.S. Marines and hasn't been able to see Ian much since he is away for training. Dalton and I are lucky to have Ian in our life. Ian is five months old and weighs 22 pounds. He is a big baby both in heart and size. He is always happy, calm and talks a lot. Ian brings smiles to many people. We currently live in Oklahoma City with Poppie and will soon move to North Carolina with his daddy.

Peyton Rae'Lynn Ragle



Peyton Rae'Lynn Ragle is the daughter of Shawna Kellogg and Chad Ragle. She is the granddaughter of Sherry Kellogg and Shery Bolin.

She is our precious gift from God who keeps us laughing and on our toes.

Levi and Ryanne Dial

Levi and Ryanne Dial are the children of Steve and Sheila Dial, of Byars, Okla. They are the grandchildren of Cecil and Cheryl Koehler and JR and Becky Dial.

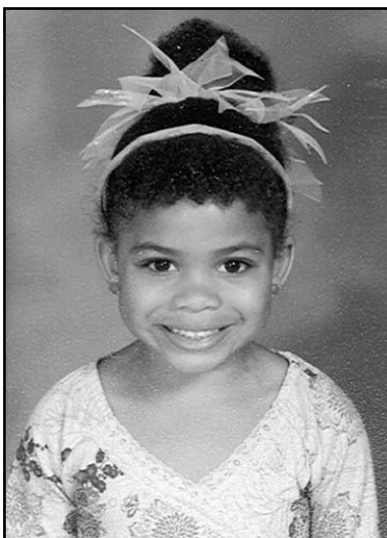
They are our pride and joy because they put a smile on our face every morning, when we wake up and see their smiling faces and hear daddy or mommy. When they hug you it makes everything better.



Nicole Michelle Roberts

Nicole Michelle Roberts is the daughter of Natalie Foreman and Oliver Roberts, of Ardmore, Okla.

Nicole is my Pride and Joy because she has the biggest smile on her face and she keeps me laughing. She wakes up and gives us hugs and kisses for no reason. It's just her way of letting us know she loves us. She is my little princess.



Landyn Allen Walker

Landyn Allen Walker is the son of Amber Walker, of Madill, Okla. and the grandson of Ahnawake Jefferson.

Landyn is my pride and joy because he makes each day worth while. When he smiles that oh so cute and innocent look with those big brown eyes or says he loves me and gives me a hug and kiss it makes the day so much more and everything isn't so bad after all. He may be two and one-half but he takes care of me almost as much as I do him.

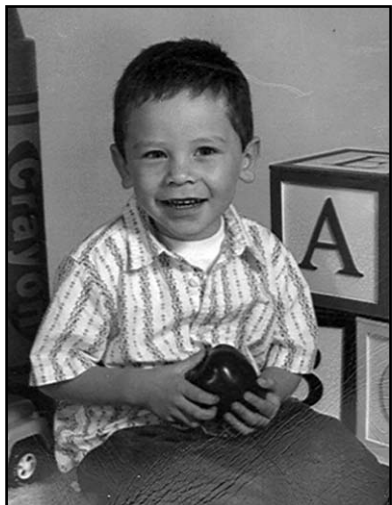
He may be my only child but he is more than that. He is my son and my life. No matter how old or big he gets he will always be Landyn Allen, my baby.

I love you with all my heart and soul,
Mommy

Damon Wayne Jefferson

Damon Wayne Jefferson is the son of Brad Jefferson and Lori Hamilton. He is the paternal grandson of Don and Deloris Jefferson and the maternal grandson of Harlean and Betty Hamilton.

Damon is always full of love and happiness. He is always giving hugs and kisses. Everyday he amazes us with his wonderful insight about the world around him. We always look forward to hearing about his day and what new things he has learned at school. He loves to sing songs to his mom and dad. His angelic voice brings joy to our hearts.

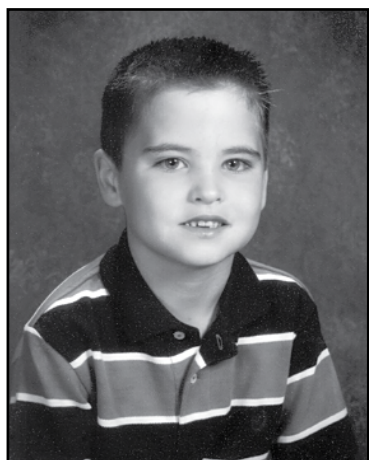


Daylon Lewis

Daylon Lewis is the son of Kevin and Krystal Lewis, of Ardmore, Okla.

Daylon placed first overall in the 2009 Blizzard Winter Series on his Honda 50cc dirtbike. Daylon is number 20 and this was his first motocross series to run in. We are so proud of him! Congratulations Daylon!

Benjamin Lee Gold, Christopher Garrett Morgan, CJ Bills



Benjamin Lee Gold, 7, is the son of Billy Jack and Polly Gold and Starla Gold. He is the grandson of Bill and Vicky Gold, Harold and Gwenda DePasse and Donna and John Linton.

Ben enjoys playing basketball and baseball. He also likes to watch his Papa drag race and ride in Papa's hotrod.

We love you Ben and we look forward to watching you play coach pitch this summer.



Christopher Garrett Morgan, 4, is the son of Scott and Melissa Morgan. He is the grandson of Bill and Vicky Gold, Shelby and Gayle Morgan, and Buddy Tartsah. He is the nephew to Derek and Rachael Collins, Marcus Tartsah and Danny and Stacy Cates.

Garrett is very excited to play his first year of t-ball this summer.

We love you Garrett and we are very excited to watch you play t-ball this summer.



CJ Bills, 11, is the son of Billy Jack and Polly Gold and Chillie Joe Bills. He is the grandson of Pat Thompson and Joe and Kay Bills.

CJ is a new family member that we have grown to care about very much. We really enjoyed watching him play basketball this past season. He is a very well mannered young man and a great athlete. Stay with it CJ and you will be a great high school athlete.

Bill and Vicky Gold

Angel Rose Conner and Betty Bailey



Angel Rose Conner is the great-great-great-niece of Betty Bailey. Angel is her pride and joy and her little Indian Princess.

Angel is the daughter of David Conner and Jennifer Conner.

She is the granddaughter of Jerry Malaney and her great-great-grandmother is Barbara Beshirs.

Alyssa Gilliland

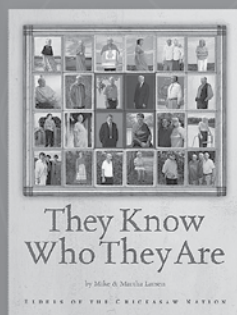
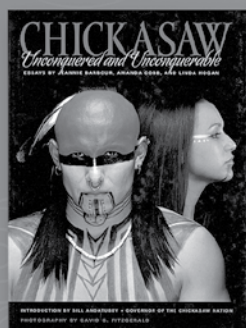
Alyssa Gilliland, 7, is the granddaughter of Frank and Jean Smith.

We live so far apart, a five-hour drive. Alyssa always makes us laugh when we talk to her on the phone. Alyssa tells us of her dance, Girl Scouts and basketball. She is our pride and joy.

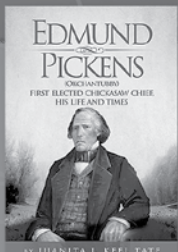


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Wilson J. Brown Memorial Scholarship

The Chickasaw Foundation is pleased to announce the addition of the Wilson J. Brown Memorial Scholarship.

Wilson James Brown was born June 30, 1920 to Andy and Clara Allen Brown in the Jesse area. He lived most of his life in this area, attended Yellow Springs Methodist Church, and Jones Academy in Hartshorne. With the onset of World War II, he enlisted in the U.S. Army and fought several places in the European Theater. He was present at D-Day plus 2, scrambled over Omaha Beach with his platoon and made his way into Germany. He fought in the Battle of the Bulge and was responsible for protecting his platoon from attack by an enemy force that had surrounded them. This heroic action gained him many medals including the Silver Star, Bronze Star and Purple Heart. Although he would never admit he was a hero, his family believes he is.

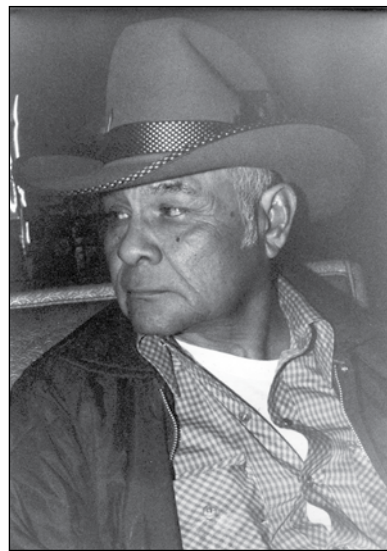
Wilson married Pauline Carpenter on March 5, 1954 and they had four children, one son and three daughters: Milton (Buzz), LaDonna, Gina and Lisa.

Wilson was a fluent speaker of the Chickasaw language, which was also his first language. He was raised in the traditional manner and passed that knowledge to his children. He was very proud to be a Chickasaw and largely passionate about the direction of Chickasaw leadership. Wilson was adamant that

tribal issues be discussed, presented to the Chickasaw people and should be treated fairly and administered justly. He strived to see that it happened. Wilson believed deeply in the traditional beliefs, language, clan system, and ideas of what makes a good Indian person. For example, ideas that were not illustrative of the Indian belief system were evil and he described it as being "no good." This phrase meant more to him than a simple phrase but had deep connotations. The children knew he meant serious business when he spoke that phrase. Wilson believed education was the key to help Chickasaw people.

To prove the idea about education Wilson decided to attend college. However, first he needed to obtain a General Education Development certificate and enrolled at Oklahoma Christian University. He transferred to Seminole Junior College while being employed full-time at Tinker Air Force Base. He was in the Army for 20 years and in the Air Force Reserve for 10, totaling 30 years of military service.

Wilson went home to be with the Lord on January 17, 1994 and has left a legacy for Chickasaw people to follow, to do your best no matter what life hands to you or, in his own words "There's more than one way to skin a cat" and that we should live our lives



Wilson J. Brown

like Chickasaw people because we have our own cultural ways or "we should all be good Indians." If he were here, he would tell us to remember the traditional ways while learning new ideas to keep up with the rest of the world. He believed education was the key.

The Wilson J. Brown Memorial Scholarship will be awarded to a Chickasaw student who is enrolled in his or her freshman through senior year at

a two-or four-year college or university. The student must be majoring in criminal justice or Native American studies, and maintain a minimum grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.

The amount for this scholarship is \$1,000 (\$500 per semester).

NEWS FROM AROUND THE FOUNDATION

Kayla Ritter named February 2009 Student of the Month

Ms. Kayla Ritter was selected as the February 2009 Student of the Month. She is a senior at Bray-Doyle High School and has been a member of Upward Bound since she was a freshman. Kayla received numerous awards in high school including the perfect attendance award, top reading points, and highest grade in U.S. History as well as being named to the principal and superintendent's honor rolls. She was also selected to attend the leadership conference for Upward Bound.



Kayla Ritter

Kayla carries a 3.67 grade point average. She is involved in community activities such as volunteering for the Children's Fair and the Chickasaw Foundation T-ball Tournament, donating toys and food to the less fortunate and collecting goods for soldiers.

Kayla loves to spend time with her animals, enjoys plays and museums with her family and curling up with a good book.

Chickasaw Foundation Re-Opens Scholarship

The Chickasaw Foundation would like to announce the re-opening of The Chickasaw Nation Lighthorse Scholarship - In Memory of Special Agent Patrick Flickinger for the spring 2009 se-

mester. This will be a one-time award of \$500. The scholarship is competitively open for full-time Chickasaw graduate students enrolled in any two- or four-year college or university with a grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale. The major for this scholarship is criminal justice, police science or an equivalent major. The deadline will be April 22, 2009.

If you would like to receive an application, please contact the Chickasaw Foundation at (580) 421-9030 or by email at ChickasawFoundation@chickasaw.net.

Scholarship recipient announced

The Chickasaw Foundation is pleased to announce the spring 2009 recipient of the Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound Leadership Scholarship - Ms. Chelsie Courtney. She is a freshman at Oklahoma Baptist University majoring in special and early childhood education.



Chelsie Courtney

Chelsie graduated from Mill Creek High School and was a member of the year-book club, and basketball and softball teams.

She graduated number one and in the top ten percent of her high school class, and was a participant of the Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound program for four years. Her future plans include becoming a teacher and then furthering her education to become a counselor.

T-Ball tournament scheduled for April 17-18 at Kiwanis Ball Park

The Chickasaw Foundation will host its 2nd annual T-Ball Tournament April 17-18, 2009, in Ada at the Kiwanis Ball Park.

This is a double-elimination tournament and only the first 10 teams will be accepted. The entry fee is \$100. The age cut-off date for players will be January 1st of the current year, and players cannot be seven before then. Please check our website for updates: www.chickasawfoundation.org.

Mr. John Stevenson of Ada, Okla., recently donated a hand-carved bow to be given away as the grand prize at the t-ball tournament. Tickets will be given away at the admission gate for drawings throughout the tournament. The final ticket drawn will be the hand-carved bow on Saturday after the championship game is played.



John Stevenson and Johnna Walker



Chickasaw Foundation Scholarship Application

The Chickasaw Foundation's 2009-2010 scholarship application will soon be available at our website, www.chickasawfoundation.org.

You may also call our office at (580) 421-9030 for any information regarding our scholarships or to be placed on our scholarship mailing list.



Donations to Chickasaw Foundation fund adoption project, freezer

The Chickasaw Foundation received monetary donations for an adoption project for the Family Advocacy department. Items purchased included a camera, printer dock and photo paper to be used at adoption ceremonies for Chickasaw Nation families. Other items to be purchased will be gift baskets with Bedre candy, certificates and gift cards for fun family activities. The Department of Family Advocacy's Foster Care/Adoption Program is continuously seeking interested Chickasaw families who are willing to open their hearts and homes to Chickasaw children in custody.

The Chickasaw Foundation, with monies donated by employees through the Employee Charitable Contribution Plan, purchased a refrigerator and freezer for the Emergency Food Pantry, housed at the Ada Area Office. The Emergency Food Pantry was established by funding through a grant to the Chickasaw Foundation from the Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma.



Jeannie Anderson and Johnna Walker



Johnna Walker and Louise Shields.

Oklahoma TRiO Day

On February 25, 2009 the Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound and Upward Bound Math/Science students attended Oklahoma TRiO Day at the State Capitol to celebrate the success of Oklahoma's TRiO programs.

Congress established the first TRiO programs in the late 1960s to help low-income Americans develop the academic skills needed to enter and complete college.

"In many communities throughout America, the TRiO programs are the only programs that help low-income Americans to enter college, graduate and to move on to participate more fully in America's economic and social life," said Dr. Arnold Mitchem, former president of the Council for Opportunity in Education. The programs are recognized each February at the State Capitol.

Participants from across the state attend a legislative session which honors all participants and gives former participants an opportunity to inform the legislators about benefits they received from the TRiO programs. Students have the opportunity to make their voices heard about academic and personal accomplishments achieved due to various TRiO programs.

The Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound participants were honored to meet Representative Lisa J. Billy, former Chickasaw tribal legislator, and Chickasaw Foundation trustee, Mr. Nathan Hart. Donations of items for "freedom boxes" for troops serving over seas were collected from students as well as the Chickasaw Foundation staff and the Chickasaw Nation Division of Justice. Thank you for your support in this endeavor.

Upward Bound Leadership Council learns themes of servant leadership

On February 27 and 28 the Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound Leadership Council attended the Upward Bound Leadership Conference in Midwest City.

The theme for this year's conference was "Serve, Lead, Succeed."

Students at the conference attended break-out sessions covering many aspects of servitude and leadership.

The following students were in attendance: Stephanie Gutendorf, Heather Pugh, Shianne Smith-Veach, Christie Coughenour, Rique Martinez, Kara Price, Kayla Ritter, Heather Stinnett,

Frank Johnson, Thomas Ryals, Mary Smith, Cheyenne Wright and Shantel Taylor. Other students selected for the council who were unable to attend included Tara Lofton and James McLaughlin.

The selection process for our leadership council is very competitive. Students must have a grade point average of 2.75 or greater, good standing with their school system, and present themselves as a good role model for other Upward Bound and Upward Bound Math/Science students and be either a high school junior or senior student.

Chickasaw Foundation celebrates National Volunteer Week, April 19 - 25

National Volunteer Week was created in 1974 when President Richard Nixon signed an executive order to establish the week as an annual celebration of volunteering. And every year since that time, each U.S. president, along with many governors, mayors and other elected officials, has signed a proclamation promoting National Volunteer Week.

A service of the Points of Light & Hands On Network, this year's theme is "Celebrating People in Action." The theme captures the meaning behind this signature week - honoring the in-

dividuals who dedicate themselves to taking action and solving problems in their communities. National Volunteer Week reflects the power that volunteers have to "inspire by example."

Volunteers both encourage those they help and motivate others to serve. The Chickasaw Foundation would like to say thank you to the many volunteers at our events throughout the year. We couldn't have done it without you.

(Information obtained from the POINTS OF LIGHT & HANDS ON NETWORK website)

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Bring lawn chairs. There is a covered area in case of rain.

Fishing, paddle boat, canoe rentals are available.

Santee Lakes is within 60 minutes or less of several San Diego attractions. You may wish to plan your weekend in the area. Please call Santee Lakes (619) 596-3141 for information regarding fishing, camping and RV.

Plans are being made for members of the Chickasaw Legislature to attend.

Directions: Take the 5 freeway South to 52 East to Mast Blvd. Exit. Go left at the offramp and under the freeway to Fanita Parkway, turn right on Fanita Parkway and drive to Carlson Oaks Blvd. Turn right to entrance to the lake. The 52 goes up a mountain. 9040 Carlton Oaks Drive, Santee, Calif.

For more information call Sharon Tandy at (818) 985-8392.

The Women of Chokkilissa

BY RICHARD GREEN | CONTRIBUTING WRITER

This article is part of an occasional series associated with the goal of preserving the approximately 300 acres that remain of Chokkilissa, meaning deserted dwelling or place. Located on private parcels of land in north Tupelo, Mississippi, Chokkilissa was the Chickasaw's economic, cultural and political hub for much of the 18th century. The effort to preserve the site and eventually construct a Chickasaw Cultural Center on a portion of the land is an ongoing collaborative effort of the Chickasaw Nation and several public and private partners.

If we could travel back in time to the Chickasaw settlement area of Chokkilissa between the tumultuous generation of 1740 to 1760, we would notice eventually that the several villages (making up the three to four mile square settlement) were populated by many more women than men. This was primarily due to decades of almost incessant warfare with the French and their tribal allies. And time travel is virtually the only way we could learn anything about these women as individuals. Not a single woman's name has survived from that era. That this is so initially seems paradoxical given that tracing the tribe's ancestral descent is done through the maternal line. Furthermore, this complete lack of information regarding individual women is remarkable given the number of eyewitness scribes. Some of the English traders and soldiers who provided the supplies that helped the tribe survive enemy attacks kept written records and even journals. One of them, James Adair, wrote extensively on Indian culture in a detailed book, *History of American Indians*, which was largely based on his experience with the Chickasaws, including the probability that he married and had children with one or more unidentified Chickasaw women.

As frustrating as it is that he almost never wrote about any individual Chickasaws, at least Adair briefly described the work that women customarily performed along with their tools, which evolved through contact with Europeans. For the most part, the descriptions in the book probably resulted from Adair's own observations while he lived within Chokkilissa.

From the accounts of Adair and other traders who were able to reach the consolidated villages inside the embattled settlement of Chokkilissa, we see that women did most of the work connected with running the household. Archaeological evidence shows us what they used and when (within a range of years) in some cases. Even before the mid-eighteenth century, women had an assortment of European tools that made the work less burdensome and time-consuming. Purdue University historian Wendy St. Jean wrote that some Chickasaw women married traders in part or in whole to obtain these convenience items for themselves and their kin.

With metals pots, they did not have to spend so much time fashioning pottery for cooking. With cloth, they did not have to spend hours processing and brain-tanning deerskin for clothes. With horses and plows, they could work a field or garden in a fraction of the time that they formerly spent breaking up the soil with hand tools.

What seldom has been considered by white historians was the likelihood that some Chickasaw women, influenced by certain Chickasaw clan elders or by virtue of being in a very conservative clan, either refused to use these trade goods or used them sparingly. They continued to craft their wares in the old ways or use European convenience items to make or modify their own products.

Although Adair did not mention such women, many post-Removal Chickasaws used traditional tools, according to Joshua Hinson, a Chickasaw cultural historian. So why, he asks rhetorically, would every 18th century Chickasaw have relinquished the use of native made products. Hinson cited the discovery of post-Removal basketry, some pottery, and traditional wooden tools such as the corn pounder, horn spoon, the bow and arrow, and the blowgun. He also mentioned that Chickasaws are known to have passed down knowledge of traditional food preparation, skin tanning methods and planting techniques.

Adair gave the impression that much of the traditional clothing had been replaced by cloth provided by the traders. He said they formerly wore dressed deerskin shirts in the summer and shaggy animal skins in the winter. But he also noted that some of the head men still "wear a long wide frock made of the skins of the wild beasts, in honour of that ancient custom."

Adair didn't describe the preparation of deerskin for clothing, but if he had, it likely would have been similar to the method used by traditional Chickasaw storyteller Glenda Galvan. In 1999, she wrote an article in *The Journal of Chickasaw History* illustrating how the ancient technique of brain tanning transforms rawhide into buckskin. Although the implements used by Galvan and her 18th century ancestors are somewhat different, the process is believed by Galvan to be much the same. To begin, one scrapes the deerskin free of all pieces of fat, meat, and membrane. Prior to European contact, the scraper was a piece of chert, which is a hard sedimentary rock. Later, some of the Chickasaw women scraped the hides with metal tools.

After the skin is relatively clean, it is stretched out on a wooden frame by attaching rawhide strips to holes on the edges of the deerskin and to nails placed around the perimeter of a frame. The skin should be completely dry before removing the hair with the scraper. The skin then is soaked in a large vessel of warm water. Once removed, any holes in the skin made during scraping are sewn up with animal sinew saved by the hunter for that purpose.

A pureed deer brain or two thoroughly blended with warm water is "dashed" onto the skin that has been re-stretched on the frame. Using a flat tool, the mixture is thoroughly rubbed into the skin. Both sides are done until the skin is almost transparent. The skin is removed from the frame and the excess moisture is wrung out. The final step, drying the skin, is the most arduous. It must be vigorously rubbed for two to three hours until it is dry and has a texture similar to flannel. No wonder many (but certainly not all) Chickasaw women abandoned the craft when cloth via the English traders became readily available.

Spring planting was a very important day, imbued with both spirituality and practicality. Adair described a day in early May, preordained by a hopayi, a "beloved man" who gave the order to begin the planting. An orator shouted, "that the new year is far advanced that he who expects to eat, must work and that he who will not work, must expect to pay the fine according to the old custom or leave the town." The others will not work for "an healthy idle waster."

On this task, both men and women work. As Adair noted, even "war-chieftains" such as Paya Mattaha labor in the fields. With the great status we confer on our military leaders, it's difficult to imagine a great war leader toiling in a field. But this is a vivid example of how profoundly different Chickasaw society and culture was from European, even at this relatively late date in colonial contact.

An hour after dawn, Adair wrote, residents of the several villages begin with the field that has been agreed upon and "fall to work with great cheerfulness." An orator "cheers them with jests and humorous old tales, and sings several of their most agreeable wild tunes, beating also with a stick in his right hand, on the top of an earthen pot covered with a wet and well-stretched deer-skin. Thus they proceed from field to field, till their seed is sown." (While this is useful information, imagine how much more meaningful this would be if Adair had taken extra minutes to record the jests, tales, and lyrics.)

They planted different beans, peas and three types of corn, small niblet Indian corn, "hommony-corn," and a white corn called "bread corn." The latter corn, which in July will be pounded and kneaded by the women with chestnuts, wrap the contents into green corn blades, and boil into a bread that Adair said was "very tempting to the taste." According to Joshua Hinson, bread corn, called banaha, is still made by Chickasaw women and is still "tempting to the taste."

Women prepared several other culinary concoctions. One, a thin cake mixed with bear oil, used to be baked on thin broad stones placed over a fire, but "now they use kettles." The bread loaf is placed over glowing coals that have been swept to opposite sides of the hearth and is covered with an earthen basin until done. Apparently thinking that Indian fare might consist of little more than endless meals of deer and bear, corn and beans, Adair wrote he was surprised to see (and taste) the "great variety of dishes they make out of wild flesh, corn, beans, peas, potatoes, pompions [a type of gourd], dried fruits, herbs and roots." He said the diversity of the meals rivaled the European varieties.

Women, too, can be seen doing virtually all of the manufacturing work, though we do not know if every woman did all of the kinds described or if some women specialized in certain crafts for clan or tribal members. Women, particularly in winter, produced small carpets out of hemp that grew to six feet in length. They also spun buffalo hair into a fine yarn and added bits of dye that resulted in different designs. Men made serviceable and sometimes beautiful stone pipes, although the most attractive varieties found in Chickasaw archaeological

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sites are thought to have come from other tribes as trade goods. For baskets, women split large swamp canes into narrow slivers, then dyed and thatched them together into a “beautiful variety of pleasing figures.”

By 1750, most families presumably would have accumulated a supply of metal pots, pans, and containers. But these were heavy and bulky and therefore difficult and expensive for traders to transport over hundreds of miles. Furthermore, traders by then were bringing only the essentials, mainly guns and ammunition. Adair said the women were still fashioning earthen pots from two to ten gallons, a large variety of pitchers, bowls, basins, and “a prodigious number of other vessels.” Some women simply preferred to make their own; the raw material was literally at their feet in the clay soil. After the vessel was fashioned, they placed the products over a large fire of smoky pitch pine, which made them “smooth, black and firm.”

Pieces of this pottery crafted by 17th and 18th century Chickasaw women are found on the ground in modern Tupelo, Mississippi, above the buried remnants of Chokkilissa’ and the other primary settlements. In 1996, Joanna Underwood, a Chickasaw potter, stopped in Tupelo on her way back to Oklahoma from Atlanta, Georgia, where she had exhibited her pottery in the Festival of Fires associated with the Summer Olympics.

Joanna stopped in Tupelo because she understood that an archaeological team from Mississippi State University was just starting to excavate a village site in an earlier settlement area, Chokka’ Falaa’ (Long Town) that was “in the way” of a multi-million dollar medical center expansion. “Pottery pieces were everywhere. I picked up several and could see parts of designs that I had only seen in books.” Joanna said she felt the presence of her ancestors in that place. “It was like being in someone’s home who isn’t there anymore. It was exciting and a little scary.”

Likewise, it was scary at Chokkilissa for Joanna’s female ancestors, elders who stood in wooden towers, risking their lives by guarding the cultivated fields and the villages against enemy warriors. But younger women also risked being captured or killed as they continued the traditional task of gathering firewood and water. This was especially dangerous in the 1750s because these resources had to have been depleted near the villages. This meant round-trips of two miles for water and perhaps even longer distances for firewood.

Aside from the domestic tasks, women were also responsible for the disposition of captives brought in by warriors. (For detailed article see December 2005 Times.) The range of options included adoption, enslavement, torture, and execution. If the prisoner had captured or killed known Chickasaws, the women from the aggrieved family would be seeking revenge. If the prisoner could not be associated with a particular crime, the sentence

was probably delivered and executed by a group of women representing the clan mothers, according to Galvan and Chickasaw artist and historian Jeannie Barbour.

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MARCH 2009 RESOLUTIONS

General Resolution Number 26-016**Authorization of Amendment of Chickasaw Banc Holding Company Certificate of Incorporation to Issue Preferred Stock and Thereby Allow Participation in TARP Program with the U.S. Treasury**

Explanation: Approval of this resolution will authorize Chickasaw Banc Holding Company to apply for and potentially secure additional operating capital with which to conduct business through a program with the U.S. Treasury ("UST") known as the Troubled Asset Relief Program ("TARP"). This program is intended to place capital in strong, well-run banks. Under this program, in exchange for payment of additional paid in capital, the UST would be issued preferred stock and warrants for preferred stock in the Chickasaw Bank Holding Company. Thereby UST would become a non-voting (except for matters involving said preferred stock) shareholder with the Nation in the ownership of the Chickasaw Banc Holding Company, and therefore, Bank2, until such time as the funds are repaid to the UST by the Chickasaw Banc Holding Company's repurchase of the preferred stock (redemption). The Board of the Chickasaw Banc Holding Company is requesting approval to apply for this additional capital and amend its certificate of incorporation to thereby continue to expand the bank holding company's ability to do business.

Presented by: Finance Committee

Holly Easterling, Committee Chair

Failed for lack of a motion

General Resolution Number 26-027**Application for Sex Offender Sentencing, Monitoring, Apprehending, Registering and Tracking Office Support for the Adam Walsh Act Implementation Grant**

Explanation: The fiscal year 2009 cycle of SMART grants has been released. An award in the amount of \$300,000 is available without any matching requirement. The grant would allow for the design and implementation of a sex offender registration system that meets the requirements of SORNA. This system would provide law enforcement officers with greater access to and awareness of criminal history information on suspects during the course of their duties.

Presented by: Human Resources Committee, Dean McManus, Committee Chair

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

Abstain: Scott Colbert

General Resolution Number 26-028**Approval of Application for Funding – Administration for Native Americans****Family Preservation-Improving the Well-being of Children Project Implementation**

Explanation: This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's application for funding to the Administration for Native Americans for the researching, planning, piloting and establishment of a family resource center for the Chickasaw Nation through the Family Preservation-Improving the Well-being of Children Project Implementation grant. The application requests federal funding in the amount of up to \$300,000.00 per year for up to three years.

Presented by: Human Resources Committee, Dean McManus, Committee Chair

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

General Resolution Number 26-029**Application for the Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency****Deployment in Indian Country Program Grant**

Explanation: The fiscal year 2009 cycle of Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Deployment in Indian Country Program grants has been released. The matching requirement is 50% of the total \$200,000 in allowable costs of the project. The grant would provide funding for lighting upgrades including energy efficient light bulbs, lower wattage ballasts and new lighting fixtures in order to improve energy efficiency and realize cost savings for the tribe. The cost savings for the first year will cover the cost of the match. These improvements will be made in tribally-owned buildings within the Chickasaw Nation Division of Commerce.

Presented by: Human Resources Committee, Dean McManus, Committee Chair

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

General Resolution Number GR26-030**Application for the Indian Highway Safety Program Grant**

Explanation: The fiscal year 2010 cycle of Indian Highway Safety Program grants has been released. An award in the amount of \$250,000 is available without any matching requirement. The grant would provide funding for the equipment, training and software needed for the LPD to increase its capacity to provide enforcement of impaired driving, occupant protection and speeding violations as well as participation in other highway safety initiatives such as the national law enforcement mobilizations, an annual safety belt survey and the development of an automated traffic record data collection.

Presented by: Human Resources Committee, Dean McManus, Committee Chair

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

General Resolution Number 26-031**Gubernatorial Appointment to the Board of Directors of Global Gaming Solutions, LLC**

(Bill Lance)

Explanation: This resolution approves Governor Bill Anoatubby's appointment of Mr. Bill Lance to the Board of Directors of Global Gaming Solutions, LLC, to fill an unexpired term of office ending on March 1, 2011. A vacancy was created by the resignation of David Hatton. Mr. Lance's resume has been provided to the Legislature.

Presented By: Human Resources Committee, Dean McManus, Committee Chair

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

Permanent Resolution Number 26-004**Amendments to Title 8, Chapter 4 Section 8-418 of the Chickasaw Nation Code (Certification of Election Returns)**

Explanation: This resolution amends two sections in Title 8 of the Chickasaw Nation Code so that the Election Secretary/Tribal Registrar shall declare the unofficial preliminary election results on the correct day and month and the mail-out date is defined correctly.

Presented By: Election Rules and Regulations Ad Hoc Committee, Steve Woods, Committee Chair

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

Abstain: David Woerz

Permanent Resolution Number 26-006**Amendments to Title 16, Chapter 2 Section 16-204 of the Chickasaw Nation Code**

(Committees and Rules)

Explanation: This resolution amends a section in Title 16 so that it describes what action must be taken for a resolution to die in committee.

Presented By: Legislative Committee, Steve Woods, Committee Chair

Yes votes: Connie Barker, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

No votes: Beth Alexander

Permanent Resolution Number 26-007**Amendments to Title 16, Chapter 2 Section 16-205 of the Chickasaw Nation Code**

(Rules on Legislation)

Explanation: This resolution amends a section in Title 16 so that resolutions may be discussed before a motion is made to place it on the agenda of a session.

Presented By: Legislative Committee, Steve Woods, Committee Chair

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Election Rules and Regulation Ad Hoc Committee

March 9, 2009

Present: Beth Alexander, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

Absent: Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Judy Goforth Parker

Finance Committee

March 16, 2009

Present: Holly Easterling, Dean McManus, Steve Woods, David Woerz, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Linda Briggs

Absent: Judy Goforth Parker

Human Resources**Committee**

March 9, 2009

Present: Connie Barker, Katie Case, Mary Jo Green, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz

Absent: Dean McManus

Legislative Committee

March 9, 2009

Present: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Katie Case, Mary Jo Green, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

Absent: Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker

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**CHICKASAW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION
David Stout Building
Ada, Oklahoma
February 20, 2009**

AGENDA ITEM #1 CALL MEETING TO ORDER
Chairperson Linda Briggs called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

AGENDA ITEM #2 ROLL CALL

Members present: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Katie Case, Scott Colbert (Late arrival; 9:01 a.m.) Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

Member absent: Dean McManus

Staff present: Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary Harold Stick, Sergeant-At-Arms, Robert Cheadle, Legislative Counsel, Marilyn Colts, Legislative Assistant

Guests present: Dana Hudspeth, Rita Loder, Jennifer Owens, Traile G. Glory, Tony Choate, Tom Bolitho, Adam Fillmore, Jerry Imotichey, Michael L. Wingo

AGENDA ITEM #3 INVOCATION

Invocation was given by Ms. Green.

AGENDA ITEM #4 READING OF MINUTES - January 16, 2009

A motion was made by Ms. Green and seconded by Ms. Easterling to approve the January 16, 2009 minutes.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

12 yes votes

The motion to approve the minutes of January 16, 2009 carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM #5: UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

AGENDA ITEM #6: REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Steve Woods

No report.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Holly Easterling

General Resolution Number 26-016, Authorization of Amendment of Chickasaw Banc Holding Company Certificate of Incorporation to Issue Preferred Stock and Thereby Allow Participation in TARP Program with the U.S. Treasury

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A motion was made by Dr. Goforth Parker and sec-

onded by Ms. Green to table GR26-016.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

12 yes votes

The motion to table GR26-016 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 26-024, Approval of Development Budget Amendment,

Ardmore Clinic Renovation and Carter Seminary Dormitory Demolition

The Ardmore Health Clinic was built in 1988 and is in dire need of renovation for better efficiency of the space. The clinic incurs 37,000-38,000 patient visits per year and has consistently for the past six years. The Ardmore Clinic is in need of updating and remodeling for better functionality. The Scope of Work includes renovation of the current clinic to allow the addition of three new exam rooms providing a total of four exam rooms at the clinic. This will be accomplished by moving the existing pharmacy to a different area of the clinic which will also allow a drive thru to be added. The current registration area does not allow view of the waiting area or patients entering the clinic. The renovations will allow this area to be turned to face the front of the clinic. The estimate also includes adding walls to two offices to make four, moving the employee break room, resizing the medical records department, building cabinetry for the nurse's station, a storage room for the lab, drywall repair, new flooring, adding an additional heat and air unit, modular furniture and some electrical work. The proposed changes will not increase the total square footage of the current clinic, but provide for better utilization of the space.

The Carter Seminary dormitory building is an old and dilapidated structure on the grounds of the Chickasaw Nation's campus in Ardmore. The campus currently contains a Senior Center, a Wellness Center, a Health Center and a Nutrition Center. The Chickasaw Nation holds it's elders in the highest esteem. In pursuing the mission to enhance the overall quality of life for Chickasaw people, the Chickasaw Nation continues to provide facilities and services for the benefit of its citizens. The dormitory is not a useable facility in its current condition and it is not feasible to bring it up to an acceptable standard. By demolishing the structure, the campus will have ample space for the construction of future elder care housing units. The elder care housing units will be in close proximity to the facilities which provide benefits and services to our elders.

This resolution approves the amendment to the Development Budget for the Ardmore Clinic Renovation, Project Number CNHS-002 in the amount of \$343,200.00, and for the Carter Seminary Dormitory Demolition, Project Number 20-0082-09 in the amount of \$290,250.00.

A motion was made by Mr. Woerz and seconded by Ms. Wanda Blackwood Scott to approve GR26-024.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

12 yes votes

The motion to approve GR26-024 carried unanimously.

Ms. Easterling concluded her report.

HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE REPORT by

Committee Chair Dean McManus

Mr. Woerz gave the Human Resources Committee report in the absence of Committee Chair Dean McManus.

General Resolution Number 26-025, Authorization for the Chickasaw Nation to Apply for FY 2009 Bureau of Justice Assistance Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program

The FY 2009 Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program has been released. The Chickasaw Nation is eligible to apply for such grant and requests to do so in order to seek funding for a project that will increase public safety by facilitating collaboration among the criminal justice, mental health and substance treatment systems to increase access to the courts, mental health and other treatment services for individuals needing such services.

A motion was made by Ms. Green and seconded by Dr. Goforth Parker to approve GR26-025.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

12 yes votes

The motion to approve GR26-025 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 26-026, Concurrence with and Support of the Application and Implementation of the FY 2009 Tribal Juvenile Accountability Discretionary Grant Program and the Continuation of a Juvenile Justice Tribal Advisory Board to Address Juvenile Crime and Delinquency

This resolution supports the ongoing mission of the Juvenile Justice Tribal

Advisory Board and concurs with and supports the application and implementation of the FY 2009 Tribal Juvenile Accountability and Discretionary Grant Program awarded by the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice. The Chickasaw Nation will continue to maintain a Juvenile Justice Tribal Advisory Board that will meet on a regular basis for the purpose of developing a coordinated enforcement plan for reducing juvenile crime.

A motion was made by Dr. Goforth Parker and seconded by Ms. Easterling to approve GR26-026.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

12 yes votes

The motion to approve GR26-026 carried unanimously.

Ms. Easterling concluded her report.

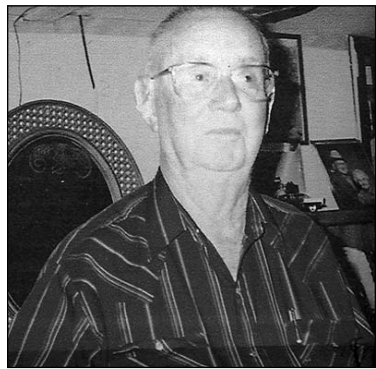
LAND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Judy Goforth Parker

General Resolution Number 26-017, To Correct General Resolution 17-050 (Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Pontotoc County)

This Resolution re-affirms General Resolution 17-050 for the purpose of specifically and correctly identifying the complete legal description. The property is to be used for tribal land expansion, under Self-determination.

A motion was made by Ms. Green and seconded by Mr. Tim Colbert to approve GR26-017.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs



Herman Adkins

Herman Adkins died Feb. 15, 2009. A Memorial service was Feb. 21 at the First Southern Baptist Church in Greenfield, Calif., with Rev. Sam Ackerman officiating.

Mr. Adkins was born Nov. 5, 1916 in Oklahoma to Harvey George Adkins and Maude Thornton Adkins.

In 1940 he married Opal Ruth Osborne. During the Dust Bowl they migrated to California.

He worked at the King City High School as a bus driver until he retired. Fishing and camping were his main interests. He loved to bowl. He was proud to be a member of the Chickasaw Nation. He was a member of the Tumbleweeds Traveling Club and a deacon and member of the First Southern Baptist Church.

He had a talent for working with wood and made numerous toys. He made tractors, horse-drawn buggies, ferris wheels, dancing dolls, trucks, airplanes, dollhouses with furniture and various other toys.

He is preceded in death by his wife, Opal; a granddaughter, Rebecca Trotter; and great-grandson, Zach Trotter.

He is survived by a son, Gene Adkins; two daughters, Helen (Jerry) Armer and Louise (Richard) Logue; four grandchildren, Jason (Melissa) Armer, Mark Adkins, Dani Cheryl Logue and Deborah (Allen) Logue-Camou; great-grandchildren Brooke, Paige and Dalton Trotter; a niece, Lottie Swopes, of Noble, Okla.; and a nephew, Bert Vandiver, of Greenville, Texas.

Thomas Burkhardt

Thomas "Tom" Burkhardt, 56, of Norman, Okla., died March 22, 2009 at his home. Graveside services were March 25, at Sunset Memorial Park Cemetery.

Mr. Burkhardt was born Aug. 20, 1952 at Oklahoma City,

to Don and Sue Burkhardt. He moved with his family to Norman in 1960 from Midwest City, Okla. He graduated from Norman High School in 1970.

Mr. Burkhardt married Teresa Adkins Jan. 9, 1970 at Norman.

He was an avid golfer, hunter and fisherman. He was a loving son, husband, father and his two granddaughters were very special in his life.

He was preceded in death by his father.

He is survived by his wife, Teresa, of the home; mother, Sue Burkhardt, of Norman; a daughter, Christine Stetkiewicz and husband, Chris, of Seattle; two brothers, Jim Burkhardt, of Norman, and Sonny Burkhardt, of Oklahoma City; and two granddaughters, Sophie and Nadie Stetkiewicz, both of Seattle.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Oklahoma Wildlife Federation, P.O. Box 60126, Oklahoma City, OK 73146 or the American Lung Association of Oklahoma, 3160 W. Britton Road, Suite E, Oklahoma City, OK 73120.

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Samuel Joe Clark

Mr. Samuel Joe Clark, 56, of Prosper, Texas, died March 1, 2009 at his home in Prosper. He was born Sept. 19, 1952 at Morenci, Ariz., to Samuel James and Wanda Jean (Smith) Clark.

Services were March 7, 2009 at Turrentine-Jackson-Morrow Chapel with Rev. Mark Stone officiating. Interment followed at Cottage Hill Cemetery.

He married Christina Lynn (Ferry) Clark on June 2, 1973 at Irving, Texas.

Mr. Clark was an infrastructure specialist for EDS in Plano, Texas, where he began his employment in June 1978.

He served his country in

Bremerhaven, Germany and prior to that in the U.S. Army.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and a son, Samuel "Jason" Clark.

He is survived by his wife, Christina Lynn Clark, of Celina, Texas; a son and daughter-in-law, Dustin Shane and Pamela Clark, of Celina; a daughter-in-law, Jennifer Clark, of San Antonio; grandchildren, Jeaneva Joanne "Evie" Clark, Jordan Tyler Clark, Anthony Blake Clark, Kirsten Sunset Clark, Kate Elizabeth Lydzinski, Joshua Isaiah Clark, Michael Scott Evans and Jenna Amberlyn Clark; brothers, Jerry Duane Clark, of Smyrna, Del., James Carson Clark, of Ringwood, Okla.; several nieces and nephews, cousins; and an aunt.

Condolences can be conveyed at www.tjmfuneral.com



Juanita Dealy

Juanita Dealy, 84, of Wake Village, Texas, died Feb. 20, 2009 at Wadley Hospital, Texarkana, Texas. She was born Sept. 11, 1924 at Kemp, Okla., to Frank and Mollie Skinner Sears, an original enrollee.

Services were Feb. 23, 2009 at East Memorial Chapel-Moores Lane, Texarkana, with Tommy Gaither officiating. Burial was at East Memorial Gardens, Texarkana.

She attended school at Liberty, Okla., and Kemp, Okla. She was a member of First Baptist Church of Wake Village, a homemaker and served in the U.S. Army during World War II as a member of the Women's Army Corp (WAC). She was a registered citizen of the Chickasaw Nation.

Mrs. Dealy was preceded in death by her husband of 61 years, S.T. Dealy; her parents; a sister, Martha Young; and two brothers, W.L. Sears and Vernon Sears.

She is survived by a son and

daughter-in-law, Tom and Sandy Dealy, of Duncan, Okla.; a daughter and son-in-law, Anita and Randal Robinson, of Layton, Utah; a sister, Lucile Hall, of Ravena, Texas; four grandchildren, Shawn Dealy and wife, Amanda, of Longview, Texas, Amanda Moore and her husband, Kevin, of Duncan, Lynlee Robinson and husband, Lee Toothman, of Knoxville, and Cole Robison, of Layton; and four great-grandchildren, Kaitlyn and Cory Moore and Alora and Addison Dealy.



Joe W. Gabehart

Joe W. Gabehart, of San Antonio, died Feb. 7, 2009 after a lengthy illness. He was born Jan. 20, 1922 at Binger, Okla., to Joseph A. Gabehart and Jessie Mae Thomas, an original enrollee.

Graveside services and burial was Feb. 13, 2009 at Holy Cross Catholic Cemetery.

Mr. Gabehart was active in tribal affairs, his ancestors include his great-great-great-uncle, Cyrus Harris, the first Governor of the Chickasaw Nation, elected when the tribe arrived in Indian Territory following the trail of tears, a great-great-uncle, Chickasaw Senator Nelson Chigley, and a great-great-uncle, John Ross, first chief of the Cherokee Nation. He is also a descendant of early Texas settlers, Jeremiah Goins and Sharaphine Drake who emigrated from Louisiana to

the Mexican State of Coahuila y Texas in 1828. The family includes a host of Texas Rangers, Texas Revolutionaries and early Texas settlers.

In his younger days he worked the oilfields of Texas as a roughneck. When war broke out he went to work at the Kaiser Shipyard in Richmond, Calif., as a crane rigger. At this time he met the love of his life Bernice O'Brien. He was a combat military policeman assigned to one of the first MP battalions constituted by the U.S. Army. He served in England, France, Belgium, and Luxembourg assigned to the famous "Red Ball Route" ensuring that men and supplies made it to the front lines in support of the 101st Airborne Division and General Patton's 3rd Army. His unit was cited for superior service and for surviving the constant V1 and V2 Rocket attacks on Antwerp, Belgium during the Battle of the Bulge.

After the war he and his wife settled in San Antonio where he worked in the building trade, contributing to a goodly number of significant structures in San Antonio. In his later years he specialized in the restoration and repair of Victorian mansions in the San Antonio area. His work was much sought after for retrofits and restoration of cabinets and fancy woodwork, some involving carving by hand and finishing the cuts and final fitting with his famous "very sharp" pocketknife. He was an avid deep hunter and fisherman during his active life.

He is survived by his loving and dedicated wife of 66 years, Frances Bernice O'Brien; two daughters, Loretta Hastings and Patricia Eichman; six sons, Gary, Daniel, Richard, John, Joseph and Christopher; 13 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; special friends, Erin McNeice and family, Mike Kaczmar and Ken Clark.

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Gerald "Jerry" Holland

Gerald J. "Jerry" Holland died Feb. 7, 2009 at Lawton, Okla. He was born Feb. 21, 1942 at Oklahoma City to Emmett G. and Evelyn O. (Byrd) Holland.

Services were Feb. 12, 2009 at Kincannon Memorial Chapel, Altus, Okla., with Bobby Laws officiating. Burial was at Veterans Section, Altus (OK) City Cemetery.

Mr. Holland grew up in the Oklahoma City area and attended Capitol High School, Oklahoma City. After high school he enlisted in the U.S. Air Force and proudly served his county for 26 years.

He married Dorothy Ann Neaheer on Valentines Day of 1967. She preceded him in death in 2002.

He retired from the U.S. Air Force in 1987 as Chief Master Sergeant at AAFB. His service to this country allowed him to travel and serve in places around the world. One of his favorite duty-stations was Yokota, Japan, where he spent three years. He was a proud veteran and was decorated many times. Some of his awards include: the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross, a Combat Readiness Medal with three Oakleaf Clusters, and many other service awards.

After his retirement he went to work for Hughes Aircraft and then Base Golf Course. He also worked at Wilmes Superstore and Wilmes Chevrolet before beginning his career as a civil service employee in 1997. Mr. Holland was the training manager for the C-17 aircraft at AAFB.

He married Loretta "Lorie" Hubbard August 16, 2004 at Vernon, Texas.

He was a member of the Masonic Lodge, Scottish Rite, York Rite, and Eastern Star. He enjoyed golf, camping and RVing, traveling and time with his friends and family.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his first wife, Dorothy; and a brother, Emmett Norman Holland.

He is survived by his wife, Lorie, of the home; a son, Gerald "Chip" Holland, Jr., and wife, Joy, of Hilliard, Ohio; two step-sons, SPC. Allen M. Moore, of Ft. Hood, Texas, and Stephen J. Jertz, of Plano, Texas; three

brothers, Bruce Holland, and wife Betsy, of Alrington, Texas, David Holland, and wife Betty, of Midwest City, Okla., and Steve Holland, of Moore, Okla.; a grandson, Christopher Holland, of Hilliard, who will miss him dearly.

Casket bearers were members of the Altus Masonic Lodge #62 and U.S. Air Force Honors Team.

Wesley Lee "Tuffy" Parker

Graveside services for Wesley Lee "Tuffy" Parker, 87, of Ringling, Okla., was Feb. 19, 2009 at the Ringling Memorial Cemetery Pavillionn with Rev. Nick Ellis and Ronnie Harbour officiating.

Mr. Parker was born June 20, 1921 west of Center Point, near Ringling, to the late Wesley Lee and Lena (Acox) Parker. He died Feb. 16, 2009 at Healdton, Okla. He was raised in this area and attended school at Cornish until the fourth grade, then attended school at Ringling and shortly after Center Point where he graduated from the eighth grade. He attended Chilocco Indian School.

He married Madoline "Salty" Johnson on June 22, 1941 in Quartsite, Ariz. She preceded in him in death on March 8, 1975. He later married Naomi Ruth Cooper on Feb. 9, 1976. She preceded in him death on Sept. 28, 2006.

Mr. Parker was a veteran of the United States Navy serving honorably during World War II as part of the Seabees division. He worked for Petco Oil Tools for many years until his retirement. He was a friend to many and cherished visiting and spending time with his friends and family.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a sister, Evelyn Bennett; a brother, Billy Dale Parker; and a great-granddaughter, Brooke Nicole Shores.

He is survived by a daughter, Lynda Tipps and husband, Bill, of Ringling; a son, Larry Parker, of Ringling; grandchildren, Kaye Tripp, Stacy Shores, Billy Parker, Kristy Tipps and Jodi Morgan; numerous great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren, whom he loved very much; and nieces, nephews and friends.

Pallbearers were Mike Gandy, Red McCauley, Mark Shores,

Chase Shores, Terry Snell, Waylon Shore and Zane Shores. Honorary bearers were Cartez Allen, Ray Hicks, Leroy Minyard, Dale Gore, Jerry Gandy, Terry Gandy, Larry Armstrong, Hubert Harris, Mike Smith and all the "Petco Crew".

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.alexander-funeralhome.org

James Winston Raburn

James Winston Raburn, 82, died Dec. 23, 2008 at Lawton, Okla. A private graveside family service was conducted in Washington, Okla.

He was born Sept. 3, 1926 in McCain County to Earl and Hazel Pybas Raburn.

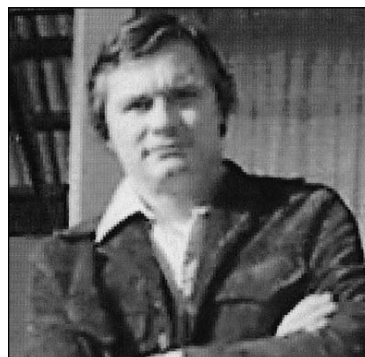
He graduated from Norman High School in 1944 and joined Merchant Marines where he was a third radio officer on the SS Wayne Victory. He earned his bachelor of arts degree in government at the University of Oklahoma, Norman. He joined the National Guard as a radio operator.

He married Josephine Riling on Sept. 29, 1950 at Camp Polk, La.

He returned to the University of Oklahoma and graduated from law school in 1953. He served as Assistant County Attorney of Pontotoc County and practiced law in Ada, Okla. He moved to Purcell, Okla., as McCain County Attorney until 1958. He practiced law in Purcell until 1962, when he moved to Lawton. He worked for State Farm Insurance for two years and practiced law with Charles Ozmun. He was appointed district judge in 1972 and remained at the position until he retired on June 30, 1990.

He was a charter member of St. Paul's Methodist Church, a longtime member of Rotary and a local member of VFW.

He is survived by his wife, of the home; two daughters and son-in-laws, Catherine and Robert Heller, of Portland, Texas, and Lynn and Garrison Greenleaf, of Colorado Springs, Colo.; five grandchildren, Ashley Marie Heller, of Houston, Richard Sterling Heller and Sean Robert Heller, both of Portland; James Garrison Greenleaf, of Washington, D.C., and Tamara Lynn Greenleaf, of Colorado Springs.



James Lee Reynolds

James Lee Reynolds, 70, died Feb. 20, 2009 at Methodist Hospital, Houston. He was born June 25, 1938 to Fred and Thelma Reynolds at Ada, Okla. Services were March 14 at Johnsons Chapel Church with Al Brown officiating.

He was the grandson of J.J. Curlee and original enrollee Fannie Stick Curlee and the great-grandson of original enrollees Kinney and Malissa Benton Leader Stick.

He graduated from Allen (OK) High School in 1957 and attended East Central University and Central State University.

He married Ramona Morris on August 22, 1958 at Ada. He was the owner of All American Filters, Inc., in Texas and was involved in the filtration business for many years. He retired in 2005 and returned to Oklahoma to live near his family and friends. After returning to Oklahoma, Mr. Reynolds enjoyed visiting with his extended family and the friends he had spent time growing up with. He also spent time with his dog, Harley, and his equine friends, Red, Frosty and Milie.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Danny JoLee Reynolds; and his grandson, Wyatt Andrew Mead.

He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Ramona, of the home; a daughter, Christina Reynolds Mead and husband, Rick D. Mean, of Allen; a son, James Lee Reynolds, II, and wife, Francesca S. Reynolds, of Allen; three grandsons, Dylan T. McKinley, Daniel A. Mead and Brandon L. Reynolds, all of Allen; a brother, Ron Reynolds and wife, Margarette, of Guthrie, Okla.; a nephew, Capt. Matthew O. Reynolds, of Colorado Springs, Colo.; and aunts, Jerline Edwards, of Riverside, Calif., Edith Reynolds, of Allen, and Mary Reynolds, of Quinton, Okla.

Lenora T. (Short) Thorsen

Lenora T. (Short) Thorsen died Feb. 26, 2009. She was born April 3, 1917, and raised in Ardmore, Okla., to Robert and Myrtle Short. Services were March 2, 2009 at First Presbyterian Church with interment at Memorial Park Cemetery.

She graduated from Oklahoma A&M College, Stillwater, where she was a member of Kappa Alpha Theta sorority. She late attended Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee, and received her masters degree from the University of Oklahoma, Norman.

She worked for the Federal Bureau of Investigation in Washington, D.C., before retiring to Oklahoma City to marry Lt. Wilbur Thorsen on March 9, 1944. They adopted two children, Greg and Gaye. She began her teaching career in Shawnee before transferring to Hefner Junior High School and then later to Putnam City West High School where she taught English and Latin. For 13 years she organized and attended a summer trip for statewide Latin Students Conventions hosted all over the country. While at Putnam City West, she originated the Practical Instruction Program and initiated the continuing Putnam City District Golden Apple Award program. She was chosen Putnam City Teach of the Year and later became Language Arts Coordinator for the Putnam City School District.

She was a long-time member of the First Presbyterian Church, where she served as an elder, deacon and Sunday School teacher.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Gaye; and a brother, Bob Short.

She is survived by her husband, Wilbur, of 65 years; a son, Greg, and his wife, Leann, of Oklahoma City; a brother, Tom Short, and his wife, Roberta, of Ponca City.

Mrs. Thorsen was a person who made the world better and everyone who knew her.

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erling, Mary Jo Green, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

12 yes votes

The motion to approve GR26-017 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 26-018, To Correct General Resolution 21-017

(Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Pontotoc County)

This Resolution re-affirms General Resolution 21-017 for the purpose of specifically and correctly identifying the complete legal description. The property to be used as construction site for the new hospital, under Self-determination.

A motion was made by Ms. Green and seconded by Mr. Tim Colbert to approve GR26-018.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

12 yes votes

The motion to approve GR26-018 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 26-019, To Correct General Resolution 21-023

(Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Pontotoc County)

This Resolution re-affirms General Resolution 21-023 for the purpose of specifically and correctly identifying the complete legal description. The property is to be used for Headquarters Expansion, under Self-determination.

A motion was made by Ms. Green and seconded by Mrs. Alexander to approve GR26-019.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

12 yes votes

The motion to approve GR26-019 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 26-020, To Correct General Resolution 21-033

(Authorization for Acceptance of Real Property in Love County)

This Resolution re-affirms General Resolution 21-033 for the purpose of specifically and correctly identifying the complete legal description. The property is to be used for a RV park, Under Economic Development.

A motion was made by Ms. Green and seconded by Ms. Wanda Blackwood Scott to approve GR26-020.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

12 yes votes

The motion to approve GR26-020 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 26-021, To Correct General Resolution 23-012, (Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Murray County)

This Resolution re-affirms General Resolution 23-012 for the purpose of specifically and correctly identifying the complete legal description. The property is to be used as satellite maintenance office, under Self-determination.

A motion was made by Ms. Wanda Blackwood Scott and seconded by Ms. Case to approve GR26-021.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

12 yes votes

The motion to approve GR26-021 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 26-022, To Correct General Resolution 21-082, (Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Pontotoc County)

This Resolution re-affirms General Resolution 21-082 for the purpose of specifically and correctly identifying the complete legal description. The property is for a construction site for the new hospital, under Self-determination.

A motion was made by Ms. Green and seconded by Mrs. Alexander to approve GR26-022.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

12 yes votes

The motion to approve GR26-022 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 26-023, To Correct General Resolution 21-069 (Authorization for Acceptance of Real Property in Love County)

This Resolution re-affirms General Resolution 21-069 for the purpose of specifically and correctly identifying the complete legal description. The property is for a golf course under, Economic Development.

A motion was made by Ms. Green and seconded by Mrs. Alexander to approve GR26-023.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

12 yes votes

The motion to approve GR26-023 carried unanimously.

Dr. Goforth Parker concluded her report.
EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Wanda Blackwood Scott

No report.

HEALTH CARE COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Mary Jo Green

Ms. Green reported that the hospital is at the halfway mark of completion. She concluded her report.

HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Scott Colbert

No report.

(H) ELECTION RULES AND REGULATIONS AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Steve Woods

Permanent Resolution Number 26-004, Amendments to Title 8, Chapter 4 Section 8-418 of the Chickasaw Nation Code (Certification of Election Returns)

This resolution amends a section in Title 8 of the Chickasaw Nation Code so that the Election Secretary/Tribal Registrar shall declare the unofficial preliminary election results on the correct day and month.

A motion was made by Ms. Easterling and seconded by Mr. Tim Colbert to table PR26-004.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert,

Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

12 yes votes

The motion to table PR26-004 carried unanimously.

Permanent Resolution Number 26-005, Amendments to Title 8, Chapter 4 Section 8-402 of the Chickasaw Nation Code (Ballot Mailing to Voters)

This resolution amends a section in Title 8 of the Chickasaw Nation Code so that ballots to Chickasaw voters who reside outside of the contiguous 48 states will be mailed two weeks earlier than ballots mailed to Chickasaw voters who reside within the contiguous 48 states. Such ballots shall be sent utilizing an expedited mail service such as Express Mail, fast delivery by FedEx, UPS or DHL, or the like.

A motion was made by Mr. Woods and seconded by Ms. Easterling to approve PR26-005.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

12 yes votes

The motion to approve PR26-005 carried unanimously.

Mr. Woods concluded his report.

AGENDA ITEM #7 NEW BUSINESS (Comments from Citizens)

Comments were made by Mr. Jerry Imotichey.

AGENDA ITEM #8 ADJOURNMENT

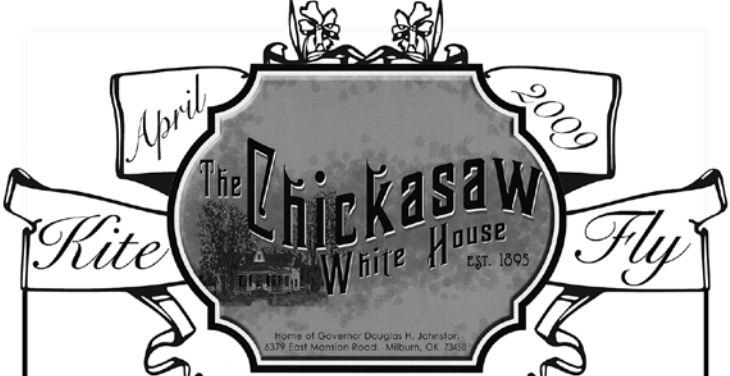
The Legislative Session adjourned at 9:33 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Judy Goforth Parker, Secretary

Chickasaw Nation Tribal Legislature

Prepared by: Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary

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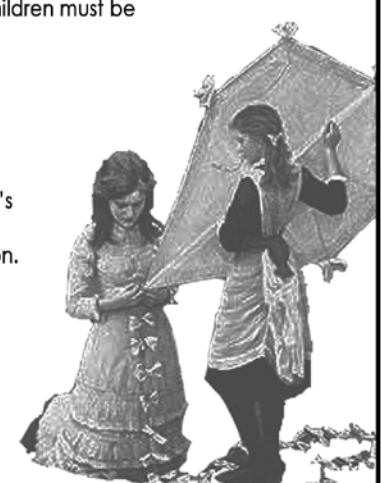


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